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# Business is booming

BRIDPORT town centre is continuing to thrive despite the challenging economic climate, according to the latest industry research.

At the end of last year there were fewer empty high street shops in Bridport than any other town in the South West, with less than one in 50 premises vacant.

The findings, published last week by retail analysts the Local Data Company, have been welcomed by Bridport's business community, who say they are optimistic about the future.

Tim Hunt, chairman of Bridport Business, the town's chamber of trade and commerce, said visitor numbers had risen over the last year, and the success of existing outlets had encouraged others to set up shop in the high street.

by Jack Dixon & Lottie Welch

"Our own chamber members' experiences and other survey reports confirm that the overall number of visitors and customers has grown considerably in recent years, and the report provides a welcome opportunity to publicise the wealth of products and services that are on offer to our growing local community and visitors," said Mr Hunt.

"The collaboration between the council, chamber, town market and the many voluntary groups ensures that Bridport's reputation as an exceptionally interesting town to visit and shop is growing.

"This does attract considerable interest from new businesses who want to establish themselves in our town."

According to the Local Data Company's 'Vacancy Report', Bridport was among the country's top 10 towns last year, with only 1.9 per cent of high street premises unoccupied at the end of 2014.

The results put Bridport at the top of the list not only for West Dorset, but for the whole of the South West region, reaffirming the town's reputation among the area's top shopping destinations.

When compared to the rest of the UK, which has an average vacancy rate of around 12 per cent, Bridport is thriving, with its wealth of hotels, entertainment outlets, restaurants and bars noted in the report.

Roger Snook, of Snooks hat shop on West Street, said the strong network of traders helped to keep customers shopping locally.

"Bridport is too small to have big brands and we have more independent shops here than anywhere else," he said.

"I like to think we all support each other to a large

degree. Bridport is so different to anywhere else and the diversity of shops draws people into the town."

West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin said the report was a "great sign of the strengthening local economy".

And town council leader Sarah Williams said the figures were "encouraging" and a "great credit" to Bridport's independent traders.

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■ MORE local organisations than ever before took part in the annual Bridport Community Fair on Saturday (February 7th) at the Town Hall. Linda Bullock and Mayor of Bridport, Councillor Maggie Ray, are pictured on the Bridport Town Council stall

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**BRIDPORT residents Louise Ramsden and Heather Hamer are the driving force behind the upcoming Bridport Wildcats strike project.**

Louise has lived in Bridport for 12 years and works part-time as an administrator/book keeper for an educational and technical software business with her husband Neil. She has also done voluntary work for the Bridport Oxfam shop, Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau and South West Dorset LETS scheme.

Heather moved to Bridport 18 months ago. She previously worked as a medical secretary and teaching basic reading and writing in a Young Offenders institution. She reinvented herself as a songwriter some six years ago and plans to continue writing in Bridport.

**● COULD you tell me a bit more about the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project? What will it involve?**

On Saturday, February 14th at about 10.15am we will gather in Bucky Doo Square, Bridport, in our 1912 costumes and then sing songs, led by our excellent town crier Jane Silver-Corren, just as the original women did, including the Suffragette anthem "Shoulder to Shoulder". We will then march through the streets to Amsafe (the old Gundry's factory) where we will have our photo taken by local female photographer Rachel Dunford in the same place they did in 1912.

Our aim is to highlight this little known aspect of Bridport's social/industrial/women's history, contemporary issues of equality and to have a bit of fun singing and dressing up! In addition we have been really pleased with the many spin-offs inspired by the project - singing, song-writing, a marvelous exhibition of women artists called Cre8 at the Chapel in the Garden and a play written about the women by Maya Peris of Story traders.

You can find out more on our Facebook page Bridport Wildcats 1912 or email ler@neilramsdens.co.uk it is not too late if you want to join us.

**● WHAT inspired you both to get involved and organise the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project?**

**Louise:** I went to a fascinating talk by Carlos Guarita about a local photographer, Clarence Austin. There were some wonderful photographs of women net workers who in February 1912, staged a wildcat (not organised by a union) strike and protested on the streets of Bridport about unfairness at their workplace. The dignity and camaraderie of the women really struck a chord and I thought we could celebrate this spirit by re-staging the photos with modern women in costume.

**Heather:** Louise told me about the recreating the



photograph and I loved her enthusiasm. I felt I wanted to celebrate the feisty women net-workers of Bridport who stood up to the bosses, and the way the town supported them.

**● ARE you both working on projects apart from the Wildcat strike?**

No, Wildcats is taking up pretty much all of our time at the moment.

**● WHAT do you both like doing in your spare time?**

**Louise:** I like walking, dancing, swimming and Tai Chi. I also love reading, cryptic crosswords and doing a bit of calligraphy. I am a member of the Bridport Film Society and support Bridport Arts Centre.

**Heather:** I like reading, walking, writing, visiting the town's coffee shops, researching my own family tree, also researching local history. I also support Bridport Arts Centre. After this project I'm going to take it easy and just enjoy the area for a while - though I'm always open to discovering new projects.

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ects. I was involved (with my ex-partner) in two recording projects last year for Bridport FM - the "Love to Sing" project for local amateur singers, and a collaboration of songs/stories written by the local creative writing group, The Story Traders.

**● WHAT drew you both to the area?**

**Louise:** We have family in Hampshire and Cornwall and Dorset was a good point in between both. But really it was the sheer beauty of the landscape that drew us to Bridport. We also loved the local shops like Leakers & Fruits of the Earth, we thought it would be a really good place to bring up our children and indeed it has been.

**Heather:** I have lived in Bridport for 18 months, drawn here by the creative spirit I found here, and the sense of community. I'm now officially a pensioner, though am outgoing and love meeting new people and getting involved in new projects. There's so much to do in Bridport, sometimes the difficulty is choosing which activity to go with! This is my first time living in a small community, and I love living here. I enjoy living near the coast; I love walking on my own at Burton Bradstock.

**● DO you have any more projects lined up for the future? What would you like to do?**

We will be doing something about the Wildcats at the Rope Walk Fair in May, with the Museum. I hope this event will continue to inspire people to stand up for their rights, there is still a lot to be done with a 19 per cent pay gap and women being disproportionately affected by the growth of zero hours contracts and the low pay offered for vital jobs like caring, in our community. But I think I also need to get on with all the things I've been neglecting whilst organising this event!

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# Councillors to fight election plans

DISTRICT council chiefs have been warned that controversial plans to pass on the cost of running local elections will damage democracy.

Under the proposals, Bridport Town Council will be forced to foot the bill for elections, at a cost of almost £14,000 – roughly £2 per elector.

West Dorset District Council announced its intentions to 'recharge' Bridport ratepayers for

the cost of elections last year, but the changes are not due to be introduced until 2019.

Now town councillors say they will fight the plans, which could present a "barrier to democracy".

Speaking at a recent meeting, council leader Sarah Williams said: "We are going to be charged from 2019, half cost for a by-election and full cost for a full election – I think

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this will take away from democracy and in a lot of parishes there will not be elections.

"I think we should make some fairly strong comments in the consultation on this, saying how wrong they are."

West Dorset District Council currently pays for town and parish

council elections but new cost-cutting plans outline proposals for local authorities to take over the expense.

The lowest tier of local government could be asked to cough up the cash for polling stations and other administrative fees, under the new measures.

Members of Bridport Town Council criticised the plans when they were first unveiled in September, suggesting the spiralling costs could discourage people from standing for election.

Councillors also warned that, if asked to run elections, they may be forced to look for ways to cut costs themselves – an approach that could prove "detrimental to the democratic

process."

They also raised concerns that the move would affect the council's ability to apply for 'quality' status – a government scheme to reward effective local authorities.

Councillors have since called for a thorough survey of local authorities across West Dorset before any final decisions are reached.

Councillor Dave Rickard added: "When they changed the rules about 15 years ago, there was great relief that [elections] would be paid for by the authority that has a mandatory role as the election authority – and I think that should stay as that."

"Until the district council disappears and we get a new authority, they are the official body who are charged by the government to run elections and, therefore, I think to recharge is a waste of time."

"I think the authority that is charged with that mandatory power should pay for it. But we have until 2019 to make a case."

# Solar farm plans frozen

PLANS to build a huge solar farm on a site of special scientific interest near Beaminster have been put on hold, after government bosses stepped in to prevent a snap decision.

The Department for Communities and Local Government has now issued an instruction to West Dorset planning chiefs not to grant permission for the development at Rampisham Down without special authorisation.

A public inquiry could yet be 'called in', with its recommendations presented to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Eric Pickles for a final decision.

Last month West Dorset District Council opted to approve planning permission for

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the solar farm, sparking outrage among conservationists and wildlife campaigners.

Since launching a campaign to fight the development just days after the ruling, the Dorset Wildlife Trust says more than 7,000 letters have been sent to Mr Pickles, calling for urgent action over the proposals.

The Trust's chief executive Simon Cripps said he had been "overwhelmed" by the strength of support shown by people in West Dorset.

"It is good news that the process of issuing planning permission has been halted for the time being, but we need to

continue putting pressure on the government to get this perverse decision overturned," he said.

"This is not only of local concern, but would also have national implications if a development such as this is built on a highly protected SSSI wildlife site, when other sites are available. DWT supports solar power, just not on an SSSI."

Despite objections from Natural England – the government's advisory agency on environmental matters – planning bosses at West Dorset District Council approved plans for a solar farm to be built on the 187-acre site.

Council planning bosses say a balance was sought between

economic and environmental benefits when making the decision.

Home to a rare grouping of plants and fungi, Rampisham Down also supports a range of wildlife, from adders to skylarks, within its unique grassland and heathland habitats.

And the Trust is adamant that the site be left alone – especially, it says, as there are alternative locations for the solar farm development.

But developer British Solar Renewables says there is little evidence of rare wildlife on the site and that no damage will be caused to the grasslands during the construction of the farm.

Campaigners are now urging Mr Pickles to call the dispute in for a public inquiry.

# School bounces back with glowing report

STAFF at Bridport Primary School have been commended for their progress, just weeks after being judged as 'requiring improvement' by Ofsted, **writes LOTTIE WELCH.**

Inspectors found problems at the school back in November, but a follow-up visit last month has recognised an immediate improvement. In a report published last week, teachers and pupils were praised for making urgent changes to bring standards up to scratch.

The report outlines that staff have "focused determinedly on securing consistently good teaching throughout the school".

It also acknowledges that the Ofsted inspection served as a "catalyst" needed to bring about an "increased drive and commitment from all staff and governors to secure higher standards for pupils."

The inspectors noticed improvements in the quality of pupils' written work and presentation, and said improvements in teaching had also boosted pupils' attitudes to learning.

Debbie Brown, headteacher at Bridport Primary School, said staff had worked incredibly hard since the first report and were really pleased to receive such a positive report.

She said: "The report is very good. [The

inspectors] spent a lot of time talking to people – senior and middle leaders, and children – on their perspectives from before and after the inspection.

"They were really impressed with the children and said what articulate, passionate people they are – we have a strong pupil voice.

"I think they were also really surprised by the quality and quantity of artwork, which has never been a strength of ours.

"It has been seven or eight weeks since the inspection and it is great to have the HMI report say we are on track and doing well."

Mrs Brown said the school had always been "on the right path" but acknowledged that staff had stepped up the pace in recent weeks.

She added: "When we were hit with the inspection, it could have brought everyone down. But the response of the teachers has been great.

"They have been really strong and are all pulling in the same direction. All we want is the best for the children, not that they were complacent or doing the wrong job before, but they are strong and determined to do the best for the school."




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# Council bosses to act on Dorset Waste Partnership overspend

by Jack Dixon  
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COUNCIL leaders have blasted the Dorset Waste Partnership for its "unacceptable" budget overspend and have promised to take urgent action to straighten out its finances.

An emergency plan has been put in place to keep a close watch on the way budgets are set in the future, after bosses overspent by a total of £2.76 million this year.

All levels of the partnership's management will be thoroughly investigated, with tighter controls on the hire of vehicles - the costs of which amount to around half of the DWP's overspend.

Council chiefs now say "stringent measures" are in place to prevent future financial problems and restore confidence in the project.

Councillor Anthony Alford, chairman of the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, said: "The unexpected increase in the DWP overspend is unacceptable to partner councils, who joined together to deliver better services for local people at a reduced cost.

"Stringent measures are now in place to prevent future inaccuracy and restore partners' confidence."

The DWP was formed in 2011 and consists of all seven of Dorset's local authorities. It is responsible for managing waste, boosting recycling rates and providing street-cleaning services.

Last year an overspend of £2.3 million was discovered, triggering a rigorous investigation of the DWP budget.

But since then, a further £492,000 of previously unbudgeted costs - including an additional £300,000 on hire vehicles alone - were identified.

The costs making up the total overspend include:

- hire vehicles (£1.3m)
- operational staffing costs,

including agency fees (£556,000);

- disposal costs for the increased total amount of household waste (£441,000);
- falling prices for recyclable materials, reducing income (£284,000);
- vehicle parts and maintenance (£115,000);
- two external reviews into the DWP (£52,000);
- other minor variances (£13,000).

Further scrutiny is to come, with the joint committee due to consider the recommendations of two more independent reviews - by the South West Audit Partnership, and Local Partnerships (jointly owned by the Treasury and the Local Government Association) - at its next meeting.

A third, wider-ranging external review is also expected to take place later this year, though details are still to be finalised.

Councillor Alford added: "Councillors will carefully consider the recommendations from the independent reviews to agree the necessary actions and future direction.

"Dorset councils remain committed to working together to provide the best possible waste services for the best possible value during these very challenging times."

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# Vandals break into house

POLICE are appealing for information after vandals broke into a house in Bridport and splashed paint across its walls.

Officers are urging witnesses to come forward following the incident, which happened between 10:30pm on Friday (February 6th) and 4pm on Saturday (February 7th). The intruders forced their way through the back door of the semi-detached house in Allington Mead, before vandalising the property.

A spokesperson for Dorset Police said the offenders "damaged the inside of the house with paint".

The force says it is investigating the incident as a 'burglary', although officers on the scene reported that nothing had been stolen.

Police Constable Neil Gauden, of Bridport Police, said: "I am appealing to anyone who may have information about this incident or saw anyone acting suspi-

ciously in this area at the time to contact me in confidence on 101.

"I would also urge residents to ensure windows and doors are locked and secured."

Witnesses and anyone with information is advised to call Dorset Police on the 101 non-emergency number, quoting incident number 7:265.

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## Meetings won't make any difference

■ IN LAST week's *View From* we read that both our town council and the 'Future Bridport' group want to meet with the developers who are proposing the massive extension to Bridport at Vearse Farm.

They can meet all they want, and the firm's representatives will say all the right things to make people believe they are being listened to, but I doubt it will make a blind bit of difference to the outcome.

These people are professional

developers doing what they do best, making money out of building houses on greenfield sites, and they will say what they need to say to keep their project on track. As for any substantial 'affordable housing' element - dream on!

The authority to control or curtail the development lies with West Dorset District Council, but as we have seen, they are actually the ones behind this scheme.

Our town council has no offi-

cial power over the matter - though I do wish they would shout a bit louder. Time for some democracy!

Me, I'm right behind the group who want to change West Dorset's governing body to a Committee System rather than the present Cabinet System which has been hijacked by a political elite, and then perhaps Bridport people will get some say in what happens in our own town.

GLENN CRAWFORD

## The best place for what Bridport needs

■ A 'FOCUS' leaflet (no 1015) came through the door on February 3rd from Councillor Ros Kayes with apparently her version of the facts about Vearse Farm.

If you can find one and read it you will under-

stand the statement below:

*Future Bridport have only met once with Councillor Kayes to discuss Vearse Farm - not, as inferred in her FOCUS leaflet, a number of times. The only issue discussed with her was her personal opinion on the development.*

The Facts: In 2011 members of our town council were involved in the consultation meetings with WDDC regarding the local plan, as stated on Councillor Kayes' 'Focus' leaflet.

As she has pointed out Vearse was on the local plan consultation in 2011.

What has been said by Future Bridport is not misleading, our town council have known about Vearse for years. Why have they not put it in the public domain?

We at Future Bridport contacted Hallam in November 2014 and asked what was happening at Vearse and if we could use their sketches and some information they had produced for the local plan consultation to help inform the public as to what was proposed.

Hallam were very approachable and said they were very interested in what the people of Bridport wanted out of the development.

No one from our council has asked Hallam Land Management to produce anything to put in the public domain.

This is why the Future Bridport page was produced and our petition started.

The site is in our view the best place to produce what is needed for Bridport and the surrounding parishes. Low cost homes, new business opportunities and much more that we have already discussed.

All good for the future, let's stop our politicians playing the blame game and move on.

IAN HARVEY,  
Future Bridport

## Have you thought about putting up for election?

■ ON May 7th local elections will be held for district, town and parish councils as well as at national level.

The district council over the past four years has seen a reduction in its central government grant of 50 per cent. There has, therefore, been a tightening of the belt and difficult and controversial decisions made.

As independents, whilst acknowledging the seriousness of the position local authorities find themselves in, we have spoken out against these savage cuts in the grant in protecting the services the district council provide and guarding against job losses.

Although there is unlikely to be any loosening of the purse strings, a prudent stewardship is needed and the funds applied in the areas most needed.

To carry our message forward, we are looking to recruit people to our ranks to stand as councillors in the May 2015 election.

We are not affiliated to any of the main political parties, and members of our small group have a free hand to act and vote as their conscience dictates.

If you are interested in the wellbeing of your town or parish and would like to discuss any issue or the possibility of standing for election as an independent, please contact either Councillor David Barrett on 01305 259269, Councillor Tony Frost on 01935 891321 and Councillor David Tett on 01308 425070.

We are firmly of the view that politics should be kept out of district and town councils and believe there to be many people who share that view!

DAVID BARRETT, TONY  
FROST and DAVID TETT

## Non-return policy will put shoppers off

■ WITH reference to the article in your paper last week regarding the extended non-return time for on street parking I must put the question: "Were the County Council officials who have come up with this idea born with brains or have

they been shipped in from another planet?"

The 'non-return within two hours' will just put shoppers off of shopping in our town.

It certainly will not increase trade, or perhaps have I missed out during my 'University of

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Bridport

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## Member of the Month

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Member of the Month: February 2015

Viv Whitall

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I have been using the Centre since 2008 and come three times a week.

What was your motivation to start using the Leisure Centre?

My friend inspired me to accompany her swimming, but I couldn't swim, so I signed up to have some lessons! My doctor also recommended Pilates for my back pain.

What is your favourite activity and why?

All of them - Pilates, Swimming and Simply Aqua!

What do you really enjoy about using Bridport Leisure Centre?

I really enjoy the social side and meeting the other class participants - it's lovely to see everyone each week. The instructors are great and the Centre has a lovely atmosphere.

**Congratulations Viv!**

Viv is a dedicated and sociable member who always lends a hand.  
Congratulations from all the staff at Bridport Leisure Centre.



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## We must treat games area with respect

■ SINCE it was built late last year I must have visited Bridport's new MUGA (multi use games arena), a wonderful new facility provided by Bridport Town Council, at least once a week with my children.

Sadly I have to report it is degenerating into a filthy disgusting pit that's barely usable or hygienic – indeed if you didn't know Bridport better, you might confuse it for being the new waste disposal site.

On most of my visits this year you

can take no more than few paces without tripping over strewn drinks bottles, tin cans, crisp packets and various other food containers, not to mention the huge goblets of green phlegm that have been hawked up and spat about the place.

I think the saddest thing is thing is the fact there are two large bins positioned either end of the MUGA, yet the occupants are too idle to walk ten paces to dispose of their rubbish and would rather carry on playing amongst their

detritus.

I guess I don't need to expand on witnessing individuals urinating around the fitness equipment next to the MUGA either.

It is such a really good facility which is well used but unfortunately abused.

At the end of the day I suppose the real question I'm pondering is that dreaded old cliché: don't blame the kids, blame the parents?!

**COUNCILLOR JULIAN MAY**

## Petition signing success

■ WE'RE pleased to report that on Saturday, February 7th, 392 West Dorset residents signed Public First Group's petition on WDDC's Cabinet and Executive system of local government, arguing for a referendum to give the opportunity to switch to a Committee system, permitted under the Localism Act 2011.

We're confident we can achieve the required level of signatures of five per cent of all residents on West Dorset's electoral roll to trigger such a

referendum. We are a non-party-political organisation, and have offered petition forms to all the parties, and any individual or party can access a form on our website at [www.publicfirstgroup.co.uk](http://www.publicfirstgroup.co.uk) and download a copy.

Completed forms can be posted to the petition organiser (address on form) or left at a drop-off point (named on the form) in Lyme Regis, Bridport, Dorchester, Sherborne or Beaminster (more will be added).

The Localism Act 2011 doesn't permit electronically transmitted signatures – all must be on the physical paper form.

The next Public First Group campaign activities are the public meetings in Bridport on Friday, February 20th, and Sherborne on Friday, February 27th.

The issues being addressed are the application of Cabinet government in WDDC and the opportunity for Dorset to investigate becoming a Uni-

tary authority.

The speakers at both include the five main parties' Prospective Parliamentary candidates, Oliver Letwin MP (Conservative), Peter Barton (Green Party), Rachel Rogers (Labour), Ros Kayes (Lib Dems), and David Glossop (UKIP).

We await confirmation of acceptance from some other invitees.

**JOHN GRANTHAM,  
Secretary, Public First Group**



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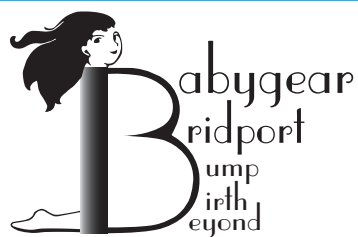
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# Tributes paid to last survivor of secret wartime patrol

TRIBUTES have been paid to former Beaminster resident Walter George Raymond – the last survivor of a secret wartime patrol unit – who died last week at the age of 102.

Mr Raymond, who worked as a farmer in the town for many years before and after World War II, was the final remaining member of the Meerhay Auxiliary Patrol Unit – a secret

team of servicemen based in Beaminster who were specially trained to prepare for a German invasion.

He served in the Home Guard and was recruited as a member of the Meerhay patrol between 1940 and 1944, during which time he was secretly drilled in combating guerrilla warfare and sabotage tactics in case of an unexpected attack.

Alongside his dramatic wartime story, Mr Raymond is also remembered as one of Beaminster's longest-serving milkmen, delivering to houses in the area up to his retirement in 1986.

"He was a very generous man and true to his word," said his nephew, Andrew Raymond.

"He would shake hands on agreements rather than write anything down.

"His favourite hobby was going to Yeovil market and meeting his farming friends, and he loved his garden – he would always give me something from his garden when I visited."

Mr Raymond was born at Home Farm in Shipton Gorge on December 23rd 1912, but his mother sadly died six years later.

The family moved to Chantry Farm in 1928, and by the outbreak of war, George and his brother Ernest had started a milk round in Beaminster.

To make money, the pair would also catch rabbits and sell them to the local butcher for a penny each.

The family moved to Hewstock Farm on Tunnel Road in 1940, where George married his wife Eileen Payne in 1962. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in May 2012.

It was during this time that he was recruited to join the Meerhay unit, in which he served for four years.

Little is known about the secret units, but volunteer historians at the Coleshill Auxiliary Research Team are working to uncover more information.

After the war Mr Raymond continued farming and delivering milk to the houses in Beaminster, before retiring

in 1986.

He suffered a stroke in 2004 and spent the last few years of his life living at Bymeard House in Charmouth with his wife Eileen, who died in October 2013.

His battledress blouse and side cap can be found in Beaminster Museum, along with some of the Hewstock Dairy milk bottles.

Andrew Raymond, who took over the reins at the farm almost 30 years ago, added: "I took over Hewstock Farm when he retired, but he would always want to feed the cattle or drive around the farm.

"He liked the church and has asked us to give donations to Beaminster Museum and St Mary's Church. He will be greatly missed."



■ GEORGE Raymond



■ GEORGE Raymond (left) delivering milk to the houses of Beaminster

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# Record turnout for community fair

MORE organisations than ever before took part in the annual Bridport Community Fair on Saturday (February 7th) at Bridport Town Hall.

Bridport Lions Club, St John's Ambulance and Bridport Local Area Partnership were amongst the range of groups at the fair, promoting themselves and informing the crowd of what they do.

Bridport Community Fair is a

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great way for residents, and even visitors, to find out more about what activities are happening in the town and to meet the organisers and groups who are planning them.

This year the fair attracted a record number of representatives from different organisa-

tions and hundreds of people flocked to the town hall to find out more, join clubs and add important dates to their diaries.

Bridport Mayor, Councillor Maggie Ray, said: "The community fair has grown and grown and we have more and more organisations getting involved. We had some new ones this year like the Ukulele Opera and some old faithfuls like the Heritage Forum and Bridport Museum."


"There were more stalls at the fair than ever before and it really celebrates the diversity of organisations in Bridport."

"The day is great for network-

ing between different groups and people can come and find out about organisations in their local community."

Alongside the fair, local artist

Nancy Clements was collecting knots from residents in her knot booth in Bucky Doo Square for a project she is doing with Bridport Museum.



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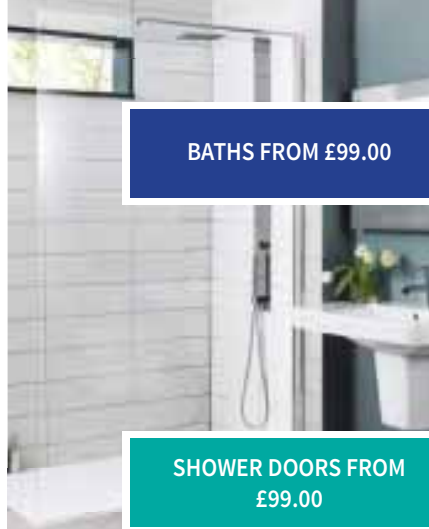
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DAVE Rickard (left), Anne Rickard and Sam Wilberforce of Transition Town Bridport



KAREN Jones represented the Volunteer Centre



NANCY Clements in her knot booth collecting knots made by residents for a project she is doing with Bridport Museum

# Air ambulance needs more collection points

THE Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA) are appealing for volunteers to help service collection boxes in and around the Bridport area.

The DSAA is looking for anyone who could help with servicing collection boxes, cheque presentations and fundraising events and represent the Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The life saving charity relies heavily on the work of volunteers as it covers an area of 2,636 square miles.

Tracy Bartram, communications manager for the DSAA, said: "A significant part of the charity's work involves the help of volunteers.

**by Jack Dixon**  
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"Volunteering can be a great way of gaining new skills or developing existing ones and provides you with an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

"We are always looking for people to join our team and there are a variety

of things you could do to help us from assisting at events, servicing our collection boxes, providing talks and at-

tending cheque presentations.

"If you can help, we would love to hear from you."

To volunteer or for more information call 01823 669604 or email info@dsairambulance.org.uk

## Bacon's china going under the hammer

FRANCIS Bacon's favourite dinner service, which he used daily, is to go under the hammer at Duke's sale-rooms in Dorchester.

The artist had the service at his home in Reece Mews, South Kensington, a former Victorian coach house which also doubled as his studio.

The unremarkable crockery was made by Cauldon in the late 1930s and retailed by Maple and Co Ltd, a department store.

In itself it is today worth about £30 but, because it belonged to Bacon, it has an estimate of £10-15,000 and will go under the hammer at Duke's of Dorchester next Thursday, February 19th.

After his death in 1992, aged 82, Bacon left everything to his friend and companion John Edwards, who died 14 years ago. The china has come to auction through John Edwards' family who inherited his estate.

Amy Brenan from Duke's said: "Francis Bacon is arguably the most important post-war British artist.

"His kitchen at Reece Mews was well-known as it housed the bath and it is amusing to think of Bacon taking a bath, warming himself by the heat of his oven, with the table laid with this crockery.

The service is coloured white with apple green and gilt borders. It consists of an oval meat plate, a veg-

etable tureen and cover, an open tureen, a sauce tureen and cover, one soup plate, a small oval serving plate, nine side plates, eight dessert plates and one soup plate stand.



The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance are appealing for volunteers in the Bridport area to help service collection boxes

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# 'Modern' WI to mark anniversary with new group

A NEW branch of the Women's Institute is to be launched in Netherbury, near Beaminster, to mark the organisation's 100th anniversary.

Community leaders say they want to bring the WI up to date, by launching a traditional group with a "modern twist".

Those setting up the new branch are now encouraging women in the area to come together, develop new skills and campaign on issues that matter to them, under the banner of the WI.

The group is the brainchild of Anita Brake, who moved to

Netherbury from Bridport last year with her husband and young family.

"The new group will be bright and vibrant, and will provide an opportunity for ladies to get together socially once a month," she said.

"Netherbury and the surrounding villages have benefited from an influx of young families in recent years and it is hoped that many of these mums will be inspired to join."

The WI was formed in 1915 to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during World War I.

Since then, the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.

With 212,000 members in around 6,600 WIs across the country, the organisation is celebrating its centenary anniversary this year.

Mrs Brake added: "I have always been interested in crafts, sewing, baking and the WI culture from an early age, as my mother was an inspiring WI member who passed down her passions to me.

"As the WI celebrates its 100th birthday, I feel it is the right time and a great opportunity

to start a 'new modern WI' to carry on the WI traditions of friendship, learning new skills and campaigning with a modern twist."

The group's inaugural meeting will be held at Netherbury Village Hall on Friday, March 20th at 8pm.

For further information about

the new Netherbury WI, visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NetherburyWI](http://www.facebook.com/NetherburyWI) or email Anita at [netherburywi@gmail.com](mailto:netherburywi@gmail.com).



■ NETHERBURY resident Anita Brake hopes to launch a "new, modern WI" in the village

## Driver cut free after car crash

A WOMAN was taken to hospital with what are understood to be serious injuries, following a car crash near Beaminster at the weekend.

Ambulance personnel rushed the woman, believed to be in her 50s, to Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester, after the car she was driving left the road and smashed into a tree.

Emergency services responded to reports of a collision on the A3066, near the turning for Netherbury, in the early hours of Saturday morning (February 7th).

Police and ambulance teams arrived at the scene shortly after midnight, where the woman

was found trapped inside the vehicle.

Fire crews from Bridport and Beaminster were also called to the incident and used special cutting equipment to strip the roof and door off the car and pull the woman to safety.

She was then taken to hospital with what are understood to have been serious injuries to her head and legs.

A spokesman for the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service said crews used hydraulic cutting equipment to dismantle the vehicle and free the driver.

No other vehicles were involved in the collision and police believe there were no witnesses.

■ A VINTAGE collection of Beatles records (pictured) was among the items sold during the first sale of 2015 at Busby's Auctioneers and Valuers.

A total of 58 singles and EPs sold for £415 at the salerooms' event last week – one of 663 lots offered during the auction.

More than 70 volumes of the 'Wisden Cricketers' Almanack', approaching a century old, also fetched almost £1,000 at the sale.

Other lots sold included a selection of jewellery and a broad range of furniture, collectibles,

ceramics, pictures, cameras and vintage clothing.

Rosie Holtby, from Busby's, said: "It was great to see a good show of people bidding on the saleroom floor with success, as these days there is so much competitive bidding taking

place live on the internet."

Busby's will be holding its next general sale on March 5th with the next specialist sale of fine art, antiques and wine.

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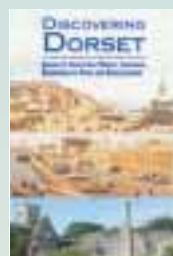
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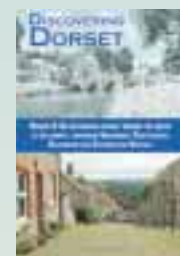
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# Bridport residents urged to change habits for Food Future February

LOCAL food fans are encouraging Bridport residents to change their eating and buying habits as part of Food Future February.

On market Wednesdays throughout February, members of the Food Future team will be in the Bridport Arts Centre forecourt talking to shoppers about their food habits, where they shop and ways in which they can buy sustainable food from local producers.

They have also launched the Spend a Tenner Lo-

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cally campaign in which they are asking residents to spend £10 a week in local shops to support Bridport's food economy.

Project manager Linda Hull said: "The initial idea

for Food Future February stems from the fact that 'industrial agriculture' is wreaking the planet.

"We all have to eat but the way our food is produced and traded has led to a deepening global food crisis. It is a very big a complex issue and is difficult to communicate – but we have to start somewhere."

Food Future Bridport is a cross sector partnership supported by Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset, a Big Lottery funded initiative, which aims to help people in West Dorset tackle climate change and live more sustainably.

The group will also be outlining resident's issues when buying food, what is important to them and asking them to take the FEAST Pledge in which they must chose an aspect of their eating or buying habits and pledge to change it for the better.

Linda added: "The first step is to learn about the issues, to talk to each other and then to think about how we can respond. So we are starting small by asking people about diet, shopping habits, cooking, what they know about the story behind the food they eat and what they care about when it comes to the food they put in their mouths.

"It will be the first step towards finding out how we can all eat food that is good for us, good for animals and good for the planet.

"We hope to start a conversation that can grow and involve more people and slowly begin to change people's minds about the kind of food system they are using their money to support, and in time to point to alternatives."

For more information about the group, visit [www.foodfuturebridport.org.uk](http://www.foodfuturebridport.org.uk)



■ Project manager Linda Hull (right) and members of the Food Future Bridport team are taking to the streets of Bridport on market Wednesdays throughout February encouraging residents to change their eating and buying habits.

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## News in brief...

■ **LEADERS** of the Bridport Area Fifty Plus Forum are inviting members and guests to a free coffee morning on Friday, February 13th.

Visitors will be able to explore any computer issues or future tuition they might like and everyone is welcome to attend to discuss individual computer needs.

The coffee morning will be held at Chancery House Day Centre from 10am to 12noon.

The Bridport Area Fifty Plus Forum offers opportunities for people to have their say about issues affecting them and look at constructive ways to combat difficulties.

They provide information about local services and developments and run specific projects to meet local needs to improve the quality of life for the over 50s.

For more information please contact Monica Burt on 01308 423689.

■ **MAPPERTON** Gardens, near Beaminster, will be open this Sunday (February 15th).

The Sawmill Café will be serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes.

Entry costs £3 for adults and children are free. The gardens will be open from 11am to 4pm.

Money raised will go towards Perennial (formerly the Gardeners' Benevolent Society), the National Gardens Scheme and garden maintenance.

■ A 'BAKE for Bliss' cake sale is taking place tomorrow (Thursday 12th) at the Gundry Lane toddler group in Bridport Youth Centre.

Bliss is a charity set up to support babies born too soon, too small or too sick and their families by providing much needed equipment to neonatal units.

The cake sale will take place from 9:30am to 11:15am.

# Colfox School has the gift of the gab

**STUDENTS** from seven different schools battled it out and talked the talk at the Bridport Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition, but it was The Sir John Colfox School that came out on top.

Teams came from as far afield as Bridgewater, Chard and Yeovil to talk their way to the top and win over judges' professor Clive Kennedy from Exeter University, Debra Bates

and Laura Cockett, the director at Bridport Arts Centre.

Held at Beaminster School on Wednesday February 4th, the semi-finals – organised by Brit Valley Rotary Club – showcased the students' great public speaking skills but after a hard decision, the team from The Sir John Colfox School were crowned the winners.

John Dobinson, the correspondent for the Brit Valley Rotary Club, said: "With seven teams competing for prizes, medals and cer-



tificates, the competition on the night was intense.

"This year the topics discussed varied between freedom of speech, positive celebrity role models, perfection, younger siblings and the problems of transport for students living in

rural locations.

"After the presentations by the three-pupil teams, the judges awarded the first prize to the team from The Sir John Colfox School.

"Their trio of Ben Baldwin, James Noonan and Dom Reynolds-Grey gave a very accomplished presentation entitled 'Can I have a lift pleas?' in which they amusingly pointed out the difficulties faced by teenagers living in out of the way places."

Second place went to Rhannon Peel, Jessica Shanahan and Reuben Sharp

■ **ABOVE: All the competitors with presidents of the Brit Valley and Bridport Rotary Clubs. Photo by John Dobinson.**

from Bridgewater College who discussed positive role models.

The best speaker from all the teams was James Noonan from The Sir John Colfox School.

The winning team will now move on to compete in the regional final at the Kings of Wessex Academy in Cheddar on Saturday February 28th.

■ **LEFT: The Sir John Colfox School team (left to right) Ben Baldwin, Dom Reynolds-Grey and James Noonan accepting their certificates from Judy Barnard-Jones (second left) the district governor of Rotary District 1200. Photo by John Dobinson.**



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# Reading scheme to help tackle dementia

THE latest phase of an important scheme being rolled out across Dorset's libraries is set to support hundreds of people in Bridport affected by dementia.

The 'Reading Well Books on Prescription' initiative, which is being driven by libraries across the county, aims to provide advice and information to people suffering with dementia and their carers.

Those steering the project say targeted reading schemes can help people cope with the effects of dementia, as well as other mental health conditions.

A total of 25 titles providing information, advice and support for people recently diagnosed with dementia are now available from Bridport Library.

The books offer guidance on early memory loss along with practical help for carers with suggested activities to help people remain active and independent for as long as possible.

The initiative was launched at Dorchester Library and

Learning Centre last week, where visitors took the opportunity to find out more about the illness and try out special activities designed to stimulate the brain, including seated dance classes and group singing.

Now in its second year, the scheme has already helped more than 275,000 people with common mental health conditions feel better through self-help reading.

And Dorset County Council says the initiative is helping to address worrying statistics about the lack of dementia diagnoses in the area.

Councillor Colin Jamieson, the council's cabinet member for community services, said: "The scheme gives an opportunity for our libraries to play a significant role in helping to build a dementia-friendly community across Dorset."

"Dorset has the worst rates of diagnosis [in the country] and three quarters of people living with dementia do not have a diagnosis, compared to a national average of 60 per cent."

"We also want to promote the benefits of an early diagnosis, which is vital so people can access appropriate treatments available, as well as support and advice to enable them to live well with the condition."

Cllr Michael Bevan, the council's 'champion' for mental health, added: "Better awareness and understanding of the condition is clearly needed, so I would urge anyone wanting to learn more about dementia to visit their local library and ask about the Reading Well Books on Prescription scheme."

## Make the most of your benefits

A SERIES of advice sessions will be held at Chancery House in Bridport over the next few months to help older residents make sure they are getting the most out of their benefits entitlements.

Sessions will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, starting today (February 11th).

Meetings will take place between 9.30am and 12noon and are strictly for Dorset residents by appointment only.

To make an appointment, contact Chancery House on 01308 424357 or email [www.bridport424@btconnect.com](mailto:www.bridport424@btconnect.com)

Future sessions take place on March 11th, April 8th and May 13th.

# Friendship centre in need of more friends

by Lottie Welch

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MEMBERS of the Bridport Friendship Centre are appealing for more volunteers to help at the club.

People are desperately needed to help organise events, bring in new ideas and to provide assistance to the current leaders in order to revive the club.

The group is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year – which they are hoping to celebrate with a special birthday party and celebrity guest – but committee members fear that if help is not urgently received, the club could end.

Joy Endean, chairman of the club, said: "The most important thing the group provides is companionship as getting older they lose friends, husbands, wives and we put on monthly meetings with speakers, pub lunches – it's accessible to everyone."

"We offer friendship, promote health topics and share interests with each other along with a monthly tea dance which gives members a reason to dress up and feel good about themselves."

"We are desperately in need of help and I am afraid that if we do not get new people in, the group will come to an end which is very sad."

"We really need people who feel they can help in the community and anyone that can bring new and fresh ideas in is very welcome, I would hate to see the club go."

"Volunteering with the group is really worthwhile and I have found it very rewarding, a lot of



■ Joy Endean (left) and Thelma Pulman of the Bridport Friendship Centre are appealing for more volunteers to help with the club.

fun, and have made lots of friends."

The Bridport Friendship Centre is a self-supporting group, affiliated with Age UK.

It offers support and friendship through monthly meetings, on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the St Johns Ambulance Hall in Rax Lane, pub lunches and outings.

The club's annual membership fee is £6 and £1.50 for each monthly meeting and £2 for guests.

To volunteer at Bridport Friendship Centre and for more information, contact Joy Endean on 01308 424557 or Thelma Pulman on 01308 458533.

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11.30 - 12.30			<b>Body Toning</b> Sally			
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# Round Table give the gift of art to day centre

MEMBERS at the Fisherman's Arms Day Centre can now benefit from new arts equipment, thanks to a generous donation from Bridport Round Table.

The Bridport centre on South Street received £500 from the fundraising group, which was enough to buy all the tools and materials they needed in order to provide art, drama and music sessions.

The Bridport Round Table have previously made donations to the day centre over the years as members describe the service as vital to the town and exactly

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what the round table is about.

Pete Dacey, chairman of the Bridport Round Table, said: "We asked them for a list of what they wanted and rather than giving them enough to buy one item, we donated £500 so they could get everything they needed."

"We have supported the Fisherman's Arms Day Centre in the past, they are a brilliant community facility and much needed in the town."

"They are at the heart of what the Round Table is about and exactly the type of group we would support."

The Fisherman's Arms Day Centre offers the opportunity for those with a disability to meet in a safe environment, join in with various activities, and learn new skills.

And with the Round Table's donation, the centre's staff has been able to buy a laptop, a CD player, art canvases, acrylic paint, mosaics and a percussion pack.

Susan Cosma, a day service officer at the centre, said: "We are extremely grateful to them as it means we can get art, drama and music resources which is really important and exciting for everyone."

"We are having an art exhibition later in the year and now we can do more and create the pictures on canvases rather than paper."

"A huge thank you to everyone at Bridport Round Table, they have been extremely generous."

"It would have been wonderful to have one thing on the list but to have everything – we have been blown away."



Members of the Bridport Round Table present a cheque to staff and users of the Fisherman's Arms Day Centre for new arts equipment.

## SEED SWAP RETURNS THIS MONTH

FOR the second year, the Ropemakers will be hosting the annual Bridport Seed Swap, an important event for all keen gardeners.

Last year more than 50 people descended on the West Street pub to swap their seeds and take advantage of the opportunity to share experiences with other gardeners.

The tables were filled with an abundance of growing possibilities and people felt happy to take a gamble on a seed variety

that was new to them or even tick some seeds off their wish list.

The surplus seeds left over at the end of the morning were donated to Rethink, a support centre in Downes Street, Bridport, for people living with a mental illness, for their allotment project.

The Bridport Seed Swap promises to be a positive event to celebrate the anticipation of the new season to come.

People are encouraged to bring

surplus seeds from free seed packet offers on a magazines, saved seeds from an unusual bean variety or simply see what others have brought.

There is no obligation to bring seeds, as a small donation to charity for the seeds taken is welcome.

The Bridport Seed Swap is taking place on Saturday February 14th from 10am to 12noon at the Ropemakers.

For more information call Eileen Haste on 01308 421678.

## U3A group keep language alive

A GROUP of enthusiasts from Bridport are doing their bit to keep the Welsh language alive.

Half a dozen members of the University of the Third Age (U3A) group are meeting regularly to learn the language in their spare time.

The group has evolved from the get-togethers of a few friends who were interested in keeping the Welsh language and culture alive in West Dorset.

Since then it has grown and has now become a fully-fledged group, run within the Bridport & District U3A.

"We are proud that we can now converse with each other in Welsh," says Jan White, who leads the group, and who spoke Welsh as a child.

"When we returned to live in Wales my family thought the best

way for me to fit in with the community in Llanelli was to attend a primary school where only Welsh was spoken," she said.

From the age of three until she was 11 she spoke Welsh at school and English at home. She left Wales when she was 18 to go to university in Leeds and has not lived there since.

All of the members of the group, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Jan's home in West Bay, have at one time or another lived in Wales.

Its aim is to learn or refresh the speaking of Welsh. A language learning web site is used as the basis of their lessons.

"It is such a pleasure to be speaking Welsh again after so many years," added Jan. "It is really helping me to polish up my language skills"

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# Celebrity face for driving campaign

FORMER television presenter Valerie Singleton is to be the public face of a new campaign to support

older drivers in Beaminstor.

The 77-year-old celebrity, who hosted *Blue Peter*, *Nationwide*,

*The Money Programme* and *PM* during her career, will now take centre stage for Dorset County Council, during their latest campaign.

She is helping to promote a series of theory sessions being provided for older drivers this spring, including an event at the Public Hall in Beaminstor.

The session will cover subjects such as negotiating roundabouts, observations and distractions, designed to refresh older drivers who still get behind the wheel on a regular basis.

Ms Singleton, who

lives in Dorset, said: "The course will help those drivers who learnt to drive in the 1940s, 50s and 60s, and the emphasis is on friendly discussion and help to keep people mobile."

"Roads and driving have changed so much since we learnt to drive and this can

wear away your confidence – this course is a great way to get that self-belief back."

The event at the Public Hall is one of 10 sessions taking place across Dorset during February and March.

It will be held in the Skyrn Room on Wednesday March 25th between 2pm

and 4pm.

Mechanics Kwik Fit will also be attending the session and are offering a free chance to

learn about checking over vehicles before the start of a journey.

For more information, visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver)



Valerie Singleton

## Heavers' new door for the Norrises

HEAVERS of Bridport offered visitors to last year's Dorchester and Melplash shows the opportunity to win a new front door.

Over 500 people entered the free to enter draw and the winner was announced at the Network Veka annual ball. The winning ticket was drawn

by snooker legend Steve Davis.

Mr and Mrs Norris of Dorchester were the lucky recipients of the door.

A delighted Mr Norris said: "When we got the phone call telling us we had won Heavers' free draw, we were over the moon and we absolutely love our new front door."



DIRECTOR Luke Heaver handing Mr and Mrs Norris the keys to their new front door

## Valentine's bash is cancelled

BRIDPORT Round Table has cancelled its Valentine's Day prom event, which was due to be held at Freshwater Holiday Park on Saturday (February 14th).

Members of the fundraising group

who were organising the event said they were sorry for the inconvenience caused but that cancelling the event had been unavoidable.

The Round Table has offered refund for all tickets purchased.

### Wednesday, February 11

The Business of Getting Published, £ Free, 2-3pm, Malthouse, Town Mill Panel and advice for authors

Cookies and Creativity, 4-5:30pm, Aroma Cafe KS2 workshop, £10

Love's Labour's Lost, 6:45-10:00pm, Regent Cinema RSC Live, £9-£16

### Thursday, February 12

'On Cigarette Papers' – A reading and Q&A with poet Pam Zinnemann-Hopel, 1-2pm £Free, Malthouse, Town Mill

Writing your Way out of Darkness, Workshop with Tracey West and Nayna Kumari £3, 2:30-3:30pm, Malthouse, Town Mill

How does an author build a novel? A presentation and conversation with author Leslie Tate, 4-5pm £Free, Malthouse, Town Mill

### Lyme Regis Literary Festival



9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015



### Hip Yak Poetry Shack Friday, 13 February, 8pm £12/£10

Matt Harvey, Chris Redmond, Liv Torc, Jonny Fluffypunk Hipshack's ramshackle, interactive, comedy-poetry cabaret will offer life affirming, heart stopping, eye weepingly funny, disturbingly sexy, just disturbing, deeply moving and profoundly right-on (but not in an annoying way) spoken word entertainment. Prepare to be totally flabbergasted and very pleasantly entertained.

### United we Stand Saturday, 14 February, 7.30pm £10/£8 LYT £1

The true story of one of the most turbulent industrial battles – the 1972 Builders' Strike. 'United We Stand' tells the story behind the dispute with popular and political songs arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick.

### Saturday, February 14

Jane Austen Tour, 11am – 12.30pm, £10pp, The Anchor, Cobb Gate car park

Cobb History Tour, 12:30pm – 1:15pm, £3.50 per person, Lifeboat Station

Lesser Known Lyme – Meet the author Joanna Smith £Free, 2pm – 3pm, Lyme Regis Library

Mary Anning Tour, 1:30-3pm, £10/£3, Lyme Regis Museum

### Sunday, February 15

A Walk with the French Lieutenant's Woman, 1pm-3:45pm, £25pp, booking required

### Corn on the Cobb Saturday

What's your corniest joke? Add it to the blackboard outside the The Old Watch House Fish Shop (opposite the RNLI station), or tell us on Twitter #cornonthecobbmelfest



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### Kid's Book Nook

#### Town Mill Malthouse - Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm

Join us at the Kid's Book Nook over the weekend and enjoy some beautiful illustrations by our local authors and illustrators. There will be pencils and paper available for children to try their own hand at illustrating, and a pile of bean bags where they can relax and read from a selection of books, as well as some events to join in.

#### 11-1pm – Who do You Think You Are? £5 Saturday and Sunday

Encouraging children to explore their own family history as an inspiration for storytelling. A beautiful 'family tree' to take away for each child.

#### 1-2pm – Kids to Kids £Free Saturday and Sunday

Local children will be reading aloud from a selection of books. Join in and listen, or volunteer to read yourself, from one of our books or bring your own!

#### 2-3 pm – Sue Hampton £Free Saturday only

Meet inspiring children's author Sue Hampton, who has written more than twenty novels for children and teenagers. [www.SueHampton.co.uk](http://www.SueHampton.co.uk)

#### 2-3pm – Cass King £Free Sunday only

Children's author and illustrator Cass King will read from 'The Fish Lizard of Lyme' and talk to children about writing stories and storytelling.

#### 3-4pm – Ant Ravenwood £Free Saturday only

A storytelling session where author and performer Ant Ravenwood takes his audience into a fantasy world of mythical creatures, ghosts, and goblins.

### Magic Oxygen @ The Hub

The Hub on Church Street will be the centre of the literary universe on Saturday between 11am and 2pm as Lyme based Magic Oxygen Publishing launch 8 new spring titles. Come along and meet the authors to find out what makes them tick and listen to readings and interviews with them too.

The new releases have something for everyone. They include a rib-tickling Ruritanian romance with political agenda from James Dunford Wood. There's a deeply sinister crime thriller that you're best advised to read with the light on called *Blind Cupid* by Max Brandt. The *Pick-Up Artist* is a vibrant, colourful rom com from Bridport Prize winning author Chris Hill. Izzy Robertson makes her debut in paperback with *Dreaming the Moon*, a fabulous fantasy fiction and in the same genre, the prolific and much loved children's author Sue Hampton will be there with her new title, *The Dreamer*. Rob E Windsor has a poignant graphic novel about alcohol addiction called *Off Her Facebook* which started life as an award-winning stage play. Gordon Strong is a writer of myth and legend who presents you with *The Empire of Evil*, full of super sharp wit and cosmic dimensions to dive into.

Tracey and Simon West will also be announcing the winners of the Magic Oxygen Literary Prize, a unique writing competition which planted a tree in their Word Forest for every entry and is also planting a tree for every anthology sold too. It contains the top 10 shortlisted short stories and poems which of course include the brilliantly crafted winning entries.

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## What to do this week

- Enrich soil with compost where beans are to be grown
- Continue to dig over borders and vegetable plots as conditions allow
- Take cuttings from conifers
- Order herbaceous perennials from nursery catalogues for delivery in the spring
- Dust stored dahlia tubers with sulphur powder to discourage rot
- If you have dug over a new area, cover the ground with a large sheet of polythene, weighted with bricks around the edges, to keep off the worst of the winter weather and deter any weeds
- Start to chit seed potatoes available from garden centres
- Apply organic fertiliser such as blood, fish and bone, over beds and borders which will release their nutrients slowly over a long period
- Order summer-flowering bulbs
- As bulbs finish flowering indoors, remove the spent flowerheads and give them a dose of

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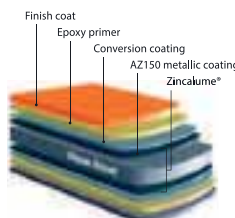
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## Dower House Hotel

NOT only is the Dower House Hotel trip advisors No. 1 hotel in Lyme Regis, it's also a stunning wedding venue, which is holding it's first Wedding Fayre on Sunday, March 29th from 11am-3pm.

The Wedding Fayre will provide an excellent opportunity to view the refurbished hotel, as well as to discuss your wedding plans with various suppliers ranging from caterers and dressmakers to photographers. There will also be a marquee on site so couples will be able to see how the hotel can host larger weddings with over 50 guests in its grounds.

The Dower House was fully refurbished this winter, making it the perfect venue for your wedding. The refurbishment included the installation of an environmentally friendly Biomass heating system, six new en suites with Thomas Crapper sanitary ware, the creation of a large new deluxe suite, ideal for newly wed couples, with a large nickel "And So To Bed" bed and a copper bath on a plinth in the bedroom.

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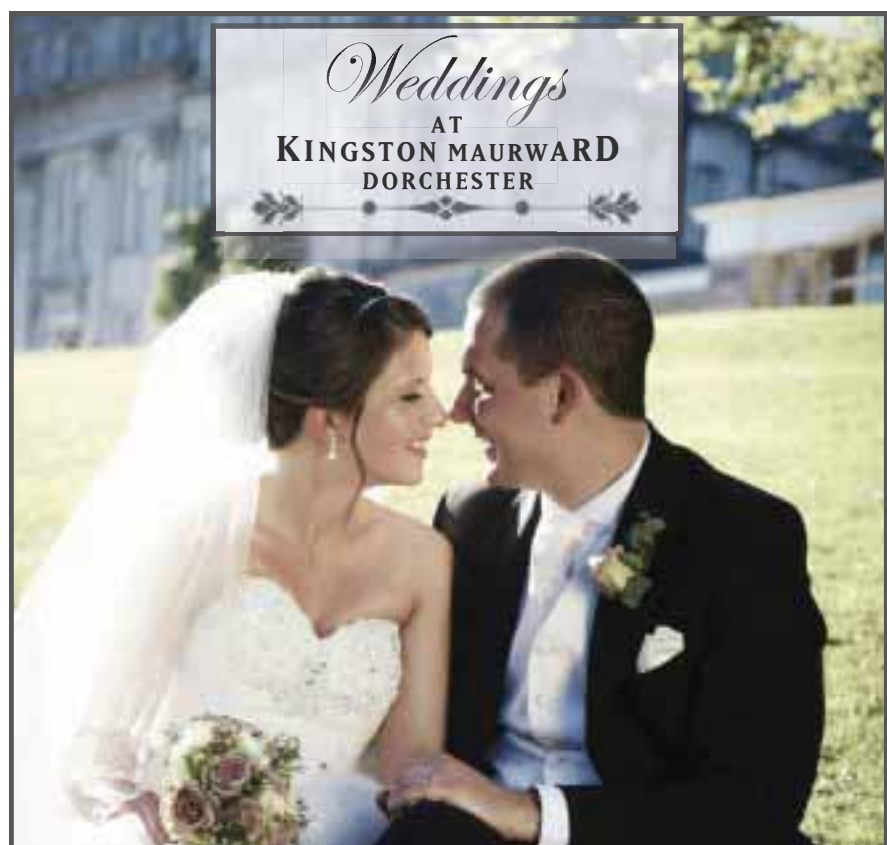
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image can tell an individual story. However she always comes back to her hometown Bridport. Catherine's photography career has spanned 9 years, with her love of weddings beginning in 2003 when she photographed her first wedding. 'I remember it so well, I was terrified! At the end I turned to my assistant and looking like he was going to pass out, he said 'I am never doing that again' I said 'that was so much fun' and so it

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Her professionalism has been recognised with ten awards - five silvers and five bronzes - from Cake International's showcase exhibitions in London and Birmingham and other awards from the British Sugarcraft Guild.

The increase in business and the popularity of

her amazing cakes is such that Heather is taking on a new member of staff, a keen young apprentice, to learn the skills of cakecraft. Heather's fast growing customer base is hungry for her skills in wedding cakes - traditional or quirky - and 3-D birthday, anniversary or celebration cakes, whether plain or elaborate. The number of 'Likes' on the 'Fancy That' Facebook page is testament to the growing band of admirers and satisfied customers, many of whom come back for more! Have a look at her webpage at [www.facebook.com/fancythat66](http://www.facebook.com/fancythat66) for a taste of what others have enjoyed!

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Since the Cheesemonger opened in June 2009 they have supplied hundreds of couples with cheese that has helped make their days truly special, ranging from simple 3 cheese pyramids to a 13 tier colossus! They can courier cheese to any UK location, ensuring that your "cake" arrives on time and in top condition. The Cheesemonger has designed a clever platform to stop soft cheeses from being squashed by those above it - and supplies tasting and dietary guidance information.

The "cake" can be dressed to match the design for the party - and if there's any left over after the meal, it's a perfect late night nibble for dancers and departing guests.

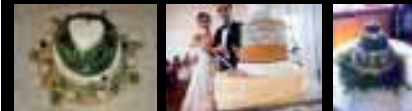
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# TRANSMISSION

*Your guide to local live music*

## upcoming gigs

**Saturday 14 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**The Lizzards** 9.30pm  
John Nelson, DORCHESTER  
**John De Barra**

Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Alan West & Steve Black**

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER

**Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar**  
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT  
**Ben Poole**  
Doors 7pm.  
£10+bf adv/ £12 door. Bring your date for free - buy one ticket, get the other free!

**Sunday 15 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Grouvecat** 4-6pm

**Saturday 21 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Daytona** 9.30pm  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Real Deal**

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**Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar**  
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Old Town Hall, WEYMOUTH  
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**Sunday 22 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Cadenza** 4-6pm

**Saturday 28 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Tripod** 9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Mojo**

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT  
**Fairport Convention**  
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7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

**Sunday 1 March**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Jamming at the Crown** 4-6pm  
Durnovaria, DORCHESTER  
**Latemouth Blake (Stomp'n' Dave's vintage blues alter ego)** 3-5pm

**Saturday 7 March**  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Relics**

**Saturday 14 March**  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Bug Tree Swamp**

## A rare musical treat

# AN EVENING WITH ROBBIE MCINTOSH AND KEN WATKINS

AN EVENING with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins is a rare treat indeed; they last played a show together in 1988 and now, 27 years later, are back for a one-off concert.

Performing at one of Weymouth's most lovely architectural gems, the Old Town Hall on High West Street, Robbie and Ken's gig promises to be an informal night with a diverse set of songs, reflecting their mutual musical interests, as well as plenty of banter and good humour.

Robbie is currently promoting his latest CD, Turn Up for The Books and having spent most

of last year touring with Sir Tom Jones, is now focusing on his own material and his own band. He has taken time out to play this show with Ken, a musician with whom he shares a close musical sensibility.

Making a welcome return to the live music scene after a few years' break, Ken is looking forward to performing in front of a listening audience once again. His recent CD, That Enjoyed Me is testament to some of his great live shows with Robbie and other musicians and this one is guaranteed to make an indelible impression on anyone lucky enough to get a ticket.

A guest appearance by singer Lucy Watkins whose mellow, textured voice always leaves audiences captivated is sure to augment this sublime musical collaboration.

Tickets are £10 and limited to 70, so ring 01305 837299 to ensure you are able to partake of this rare musical feast!

There is no bar in the venue, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. (Glasses will be provided).

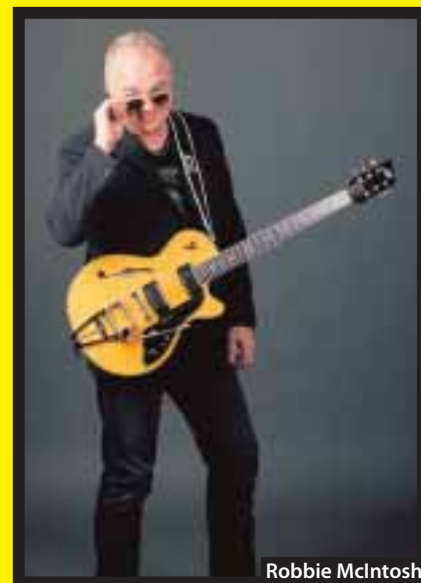
Robbie and Ken will be selling their CDs on the night.

An evening with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins takes place at Old Town Hall, High West

Street, Weymouth on Saturday, February 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £10 from 01305 837299.



Ken Watkins



Robbie McIntosh

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## Amalthea duo return to Dorset

# FLUTE AND HARP FANTASIA

WITH a wide-ranging repertoire, Amalthea flute and harp duo brings the past to the present whilst exploring music from different continents and cultures.

Flautist Klio Blonz has performed extensively both as a soloist and ensemble player around the globe, and including appearances at the Mayfield Festival, Brighton Festival, Demetria Festival and the International Music Festival of Cyclades. She has commissioned and premiered works at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the National Portrait Gallery, Blackheath Halls, St James's Piccadilly, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Hellenic Centre in London and is also a co-founder of the Leto Ensemble, which has been broadcast by BBC Radio 3 and is actively performing in the UK and abroad.

Siobhan Swider began playing the harp at The Interlochen Arts Academy, went onto study the harp at The University of Michigan, and then at Trinity College of Music London. Her extensive repertoire covers classical, popular, jazz and folk genres. Siobhan has performed at various prestigious venues around London such as Somerset House, the Royal Academy of Arts, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, and as a soloist for Nelson Mandela, HRH Prince Charles, HRH The Queen and The Princess of Thailand. She has worked with numerous orchestras such as The City of Moscow Ballet, London Sinfonia and The Amadeus Orchestra.

Returning to Dorset once more for a series of special performances for Artsreach, the duo will present music by De-

bussy, Shankar, Mozart, Chopin and Ravel amongst others; expect a beautiful blend of sounds and a real feast for the ears.

Amalthea flute and harp duo play at Martinstown Village Hall on Saturday, February 28th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01305 889963 or visit [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)



Amalthea

## A little taste of Paris in Dorchester this Valentine's

DORCHESTER Arts is offering a truly unique Valentine's Special this February with a welcome return for Eve Loiseau performing *Piaf - The Songs* on Saturday, February 14th at the Corn Exchange.

This hit show has been on tour across the globe since 2011 to great acclaim, and now returns in a celebration of this, the centenary year of Edith Piaf's birth.

Having sold out the Corn Exchange on her last visit to Dorchester, Eve will perform all the great classics and as a special Valentine's treat the programme will also feature *Enfin le Printemps* and other romantic songs not performed last time.

Edith Piaf, has become synonymous with French Cabaret of the 1940s and 50s and remains France's most popular singer.

Eve Loiseau's passion for Piaf developed at a young age, around the dining table in South East France. Coming from a French family of singers, long summer meals were often rounded off with French chansons. Piaf is inimitable, but Eve's lustrous French tone captures the essence of the Piaf performance in this tribute to the 'Little Sparrow'.

This powerful celebration of Piaf's repertoire will be accompanied by Fiona Barrow on violin and Murray Grainger on accordion, whose credentials include Kneehigh Theatre



Eve Loiseau

and Canteve Vocale.

Continuing their on-going relations with local businesses Dorchester Arts is pleased to welcome Côte, the new French restaurant to the county town and is delighted to have them on board as a sponsor for this show.

Located in Brewery Square, Côte serves authentic French dishes with a modern twist. 'We passionately and proudly support the Dorchester Arts, which we see as the perfect way to embed Côte within the local community', says a spokesperson for Côte. 'Working in conjunction with the Arts Centre has enhanced and added extra value to the experience of our guests. Côte is the perfect place for a quick lunch or a pre-show dinner'. As an added extra Côte will also have a special offer voucher available to all audience members on the night.

*Piaf - The Songs* is at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Saturday, February 14th at 8pm. To book tickets call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)

## New play about "the Shrewsbury 24" comes to the Marine Theatre

*UNITED WE STAND*, a new play based on the story of "Shrewsbury 24", when 24 building workers were accused and three jailed for violent picketing and intimidating workers in Shropshire in 1973, is set to perform at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, February 14th.

In the 1960s and 70s the UK's building companies were making millions rebuilding the country, but building workers faced the most dangerous working conditions and poorest wages of any trade. In the summer of '72, for twelve weeks, 300,000 building workers launched their industry's first national all-out strike to end cash "lump" wages and seek better pay by using the controversial tactic of 'Flying Pickets'. The partial success of the strike, and the methods used, enraged the construction industry and government, and culminated in the arrest of 24 builders in North Wales who were charged with offences including conspiracy to intimidate and affray. The "24" were prosecuted at Shrewsbury Crown Court in 1973 and three were jailed, including building workers Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson.

Sharp and humorous, *United We Stand* tells the story behind the compelling dispute and dispels the myth, put about at the time, that the pickets were a criminally violent rather than ordinary working men seeking a better life for themselves and their fellow workers.

Combining Townsend Productions'

trademark cast of two playing multiple roles, grand theatrical style and wit with popular and political songs about the strike, arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick and Ricky Tomlinson's poems from his time in prison, the production aims to bring the full story of the compelling dispute to life in a powerful and thought-provoking new play.

The events surrounding the strike are still making headlines to this day, and 42 years on, the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, led by picket turned actor Ricky Tomlinson is still seeking to overturn the unjust prosecution of the 24 building workers.

Ricky Tomlinson said about the play, "I am delighted The Townsend Theatre Company are presenting a play about the 1972 building workers strike, and the plight of the Shrewsbury 24 building worker pickets. It is 41 years since I, together with Des Warren and John McKinsie Jones, were charged with conspiracy and jailed.

"We were charged with conspiracy, but we believe the real conspiracy was between the government, the building contractors and the judiciary. They



The Shrewsbury 24

wanted the prison sentences to act as a deterrent, to prevent workers from taking strike action.

"Every worker should know what happened to us so as to ensure it does not happen again."

*United We Stand* is directed by Louise Townsend and will feature in its cast Neil Gore and William Fox.

The performance takes place on Saturday, February 14th at 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis. Tickets are £10 or £8 (Concessions). To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit [www.marinetheatre.com](http://www.marinetheatre.com).

♦ **The show will also visit Bridport and Dorchester Arts Centres - visit the websites at [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com) or [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk) for more details.**

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THERE'S a week of free entertainment for families over half-term at The Electric Palace, Bridport. Music workshops and singalong Disney films are among the fun things to do at the venue from 14 to 21 February.

Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Start times are approximate only.

On Saturday, February 14th the Café opens from 9.30am, and from 10am-11am a ukulele playing workshop for children aged 7 and under will take place. Come along and have fun playing this great little instrument. All instruments and guidance supplied. From 11.30am-12.45pm there will be a special screening of 1967 Disney classic *The Jungle Book*.

Three popular animated films will be shown on Wednesday, February 18: *The Little Mermaid* 10.30-11.45am, *Frozen Singalong* from 12.30-3pm, and *The Lion King* from 2.30-4pm.

On Saturday, February 21st Beauty and the Beast will be shown from 10.30-11.45am. At 2pm National Theatre Live's *Treasure Island* will be screened. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee, or £12 plus booking fee on the door or online at See Tickets.com. For children aged 10+ and adults.

## Johannes Möller back in Dorchester

Swedish-born guitarist and composer Johannes Möller returns to Dorchester on Sunday, March 22nd following his rapturously received Festival performance in May 2014. The intimate setting of the Arts Centre is the perfect location for him to demonstrate the refinery of sounds the classical guitar can offer. His delightful programme will include some of his highly praised interpretations of Spanish and romantic guitar music as well as some of his most recent original compositions.

Tickets are £12 and £10 for members and concessions. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit [www.dorchester-arts.org.uk](http://www.dorchester-arts.org.uk)



Johannes Möller



FANCY a fun night out? Staff at Bridport Arts Centre are inviting you to take part in a charity quiz, with Director Laura Cockett as the MC.

The event will take place at the Arts Centre on Friday, February 20th from 7.30pm and there will be a range of rounds covering everything from music, arts, sport and love (well, it is February!).

The funds from this event will go towards improving Bridport Arts Centre's bathroom facilities.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said "Join us for a fun night out with complementary roast potatoes for all and prizes for the winners. Best of all the money is going towards reviving the bathroom facilities so the whole town can have an even more wonderful Arts Centre".

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Saturday 21 February  
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**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

Wednesday 11 February  
**Royal Shakespeare Company screening: LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST**  
Doors open 6pm start 7pm  
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Saturday 14 February  
**BEN POOLE**  
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Saturday 21 February  
**National Theatre Live presents: TREASURE ISLAND**  
Matinee screening at 2pm.  
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Monday 23 February  
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## This week's new cinema

### FIFTY SHADES OF GREY<sup>18</sup>

LITERATURE student Anastasia Steele's life changes forever when she meets handsome, yet tormented, billionaire Christian Grey.

Big screen adaptation of the raunchy best-selling book, starring Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan and Jennifer Ehle.

### STRANGE MAGIC<sup>PG</sup>

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### TWO NIGHT STAND<sup>15</sup>

A SNOWSTORM forces two people who made an online connection to unwillingly extend their one-night stand as the blizzard goes through the night.

Stars Miles Teller, Analeigh Tipton and Jessica Szohr.

### DOWN DOG<sup>15</sup>

FROM the writer of Men Behaving Badly. A high flying sex addict tries to connect with his teenage son by teaching him how to get the girl he likes. But soon he discovers that in his world nothing is what it seems.

Stars Jason Durr, Nick Moran and Orla O'Rourke.

## Cinema Listings

Friday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - Thurs, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

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**Shaun The Sheep<sup>U</sup>**

Fri: 18.00

Sat, Mon-Thu: 13.20, 15.45,

18.00

Sun: 13.10, 15.30

**Wild<sup>15</sup>**

Daily: 20.10

**The Hundred Foot Journey<sup>PG</sup>**

Thu: 10.30am

**BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE**  
Tel: 01308 424204  
[www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

**Maps To The Stars<sup>18</sup>**

Sun: 15.00

**The Babadook<sup>15</sup>**

Thu: 19.30

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**Jupiter Ascending<sup>12A</sup>**

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plus Sun-Thu: 10.15, 11.30

**Kingsman: The Secret Service<sup>15</sup>**

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**Shaun the Sheep The Movie<sup>U</sup>**

Daily: 12.10, 13.15, 14.15,

15.20, 16.20, 18.25

plus Sat-Thu: 11.10am

**Fifty Shades of Grey<sup>15</sup>**

Daily: 11.00, 12.30, 13.55, 15.15,

16.50, 18.00, 19.00, 19.45,

20.15, 20.45 (excl Fri: 11.00am)

**The Interview<sup>15</sup>**

Fri: 12.00, 15.30, 20.50

Sun, Tue-Thu: 20.50

**Selma<sup>12A</sup>**

Fri, Sun: 18.05, 20.30

Sat, Mon-Thu: 18.05

**American Sniper<sup>15</sup>**

Fri, Sun, Tue-Thu: 16.35, 19.30

Sat: 16.35, 20.30

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**Alexander and the Terrible,**

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**Day<sup>PG</sup>** Sat: 10.45am

**The Boxtrolls<sup>PG</sup>**

Sat & Sun: 10.20am

**The Theory of Everything<sup>12A</sup>**

Sat, Mon, Wed: 12.30

**Peppa Pig: The Golden Boots<sup>U</sup>**

Sat-Thu: 10.00, 11.30, 13.00, 14.30

**Project Almanac<sup>12A</sup>**

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Mon-Thu: 10.30am

**Testament of Youth<sup>12A</sup>**

Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu: 12.30

**The Book Of Life<sup>U</sup>**

Sat: 10.00am



# Half term excitement at Bridport Arts Centre



Robin's Winter Adventure

THIS February Half Term Bridport Arts Centre is offering theatre performances and take part activities to entertain the whole family. Performances include *A Robin's Winter Adventure* for younger children, and workshops include Aerial Silks and Hoop Trapeze with Charlie Booth and surrealism for kids art workshops.

The week of activities will begin on Saturday, February 14th at 2pm with Pied Piper Theatre Company's version of *Robin's Winter Adventure*. It is the incredible story of a young

boy's journey with a feathered friend, who helps him face the challenge of moving from his cosy village to the hustle and bustle of London.

It's a heart-warming tale told with rhythm and rhyme, music, song and laughter plus two wonderfully captivating Robin Red Breast puppets.

Next up there are two short aerial silks workshops with Charlie Booth on Monday, February 16th, 2.30pm. The aerial silks is a circus discipline that develops strength and flexibility, but also the skills of balance and counter balance. The morning course from 10.30am – 12pm will be for children aged 8-11 and the afternoon course from 12.30 - 2pm will be for ages 12+.

These classes can be a challenging but they are also completely exhilarating. There will be a chance for people aged 12+ to learn how to use the hoop trapeze on February 16th, 2.30pm. The workshop involves looking at the movement within the hoop to smoothly achieve transitions from one move to another. This acrobatic workshop is enormous fun whilst being challenging.



Charlie Booth

Later in the week there will be an arty workshop for children aged 5-7 with Angie Porter. Inspired by the Arts Centre's current surrealist exhibition it gives children the chance to engage with word play and picture making. Participants will create their own dreamscapes through drawing and making collages.

Director Laura Cockett said "We have a wide range of activities we have on offer at the Arts Centre during half term

week. From the Robin's winter adventure to Circus Geeks, there's something to entertain everybody. We're looking forward to seeing the Arts Centre bustling with young visitors".

Tickets are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office by calling 01308 424204 or online at [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

## Showstopping circus as you have never seen it before!



Circus Geeks

BETA TESTING is a show stopping performance that reveals circus as you've never seen it before, and it's heading to Bridport Arts Centre, the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis and Dorchester Arts this February.

It stars three young professional jugglers who are taking a road trip to show you life behind the scenes in their curious profession. By nature juggling is obsessive and super geeky, this show explores what happens when obsession spirals out of control. You can expect comedy and real life stories combined with show stopping skill.

The trio started a blog called Circus Geeks after a particularly late night conversation about the definition of juggling, art and how to make the perfect pizza. They all agreed that there was not

enough information, ideas and connection amongst circus artists and the wider world.

Circus Geeks now has 30,000 followers across the globe, this show is based on it's most popular and exciting posts.

All performers are graduates of, and now teachers at the UK's top circus schools, these men are professional jugglers and the show looks at everything this entails including the strange and wonderful things that people ask professional jugglers.

Tour manager Lauren Hendry said "Expect the unexpected when Circus Geeks start their tour in Dorset next month, there will be leftfield comedy, juggling with chairs and an intriguing mix of the spectacular and the personal"

Circus Geeks – Beta Testing tour dates include:

**Bridport Arts Centre** on Wednesday, February 18th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12, £11, £10, available from [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com) or by calling 01308 424 204.

**Dorchester Corn Exchange** on Friday, February 20th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, £8, £5 available from [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk) or by calling 01305 266926. Free juggling workshops for 13-18 yr olds are available on the day at Dorchester Arts Centre – booking is essential.

**Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis** on Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm. Tickets are £10 and £8, from [www.marinetheatre.com](http://www.marinetheatre.com) or by calling 01297 442138.

## BETA TESTING

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**MARINE THEATRE**  
LYME REGIS

Sunday 22 Feb. 6pm  
Box Office 01297 442138  
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## View 2 Diary Dates

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**BRIDPORT:** Barnardo's Helpers' Group Cakes & Bakes. Bring some, buy some. At United Church Hall, 10am-12noon. In aid of Barnardo's.

**DORCHESTER:** Film: 'Fly Away Home' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing, for just £1.50. Everyone welcome. Details: 01305 269444.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

**BEAMINSTER:** Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snow-drop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Mary's Church at 11am.

**DORCHESTER:** The Thursday Group will meet in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington to hear a talk by Rev Anita Thorne 'Memories from 8 years living and working on the Isle and Royal Manor of Portland.' Starting at 2.15pm the charge is £1 to cover tea/coffee.

**DORCHESTER:** Richard Lane, President of Diabetes UK, will talk about the work of Diabetes UK and how the charity is working to improve care for everyone affected by diabetes. At the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR - opposite Top o' Town car park), 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk will be preceded by the West Dorset Group's AGM. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to attend.

**DORCHESTER:** Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The World of Hellebores'. An illustrated talk by Diana Guy, a BBC Gardener of the Year and specialist in hellebores, looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores for the garden and how to use them to good effect. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1 at door). Details from 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Workshop on Close up and Macro images. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

**WEYMOUTH:** Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snow-drop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**LYME REGIS:** University of the Third Age Coffee Morning 10am to noon. For the retired and semi-retired to learn (or teach) in groups. Come along and meet the group leaders and sign up for one or more of approx. 40 different subjects, everything from table tennis to geology. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Entry is free. More information about the U3A at [lymeregisu3a.org](http://lymeregisu3a.org) or phone 01297 444566.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

**BEAMINSTER:** Yarn Barton Community Centre Table top Sale in the Public Hall. 9am-2pm. Tables £15. If you would like a table please call Sally on 01308 862657 or call in at Yarn Barton Centre in Fleet Street. Entrance will be free and there will be home made refreshments.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

**BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**OSMINGTON:** Heather Foster explores different eras of music in Music Through The Ages, for Osmington Recorded Music Society, at Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, from 2.15pm. Plenty of car parking available. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: [heather.foster1@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.foster1@btinternet.com)

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

**DORCHESTER:** Thursday Group Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party from 3-4.30pm in St. George's Church Hall. Charge £1.50

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Sue Fawthorpe will be giving us ideas to upcycle and renegotiate a picture using collage, oil pastels etc. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**BRIDPORT:** St Mary's Mothers Union Pancake Lunch at Church House, 12noon-1.30pm. No charge, but donation welcomed in aid of Holidays for families falling on hard times. For more details call Eileen on 01308 422590

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

# The Whispering Road

NORDIC novels are all the rage at the moment with the likes of Stieg Larsson and Henning Mankell's 'Kurt Wallander' books frequently dominating the bestseller lists. But what happens when you combine dark Scandinavian tales with brooding folk music?

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Internationally renowned storyteller and singer Nick Hennessey, who has performed across the

world, in Japan, Canada, the United States and Scandinavia, is joined by the UK's leading expert in the Swedish nyckelharpa Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer, a performer, arranger and composer whose outstanding technical ability, coupled with a wide-ranging musical taste has made him a tireless and forceful musical innovator.

Leaping between song, music and the spoken word, the international touring group seriouskitchen deliver an electrifying performance, leading you on a fantastical journey to a land where every bird and beast has power and every encounter a deeper purpose.

Expect a night of sublime music and outstanding storytelling as they return to Dorset this spring.

Seriouskitchen perform The Whispering Road at Broadwindsor Comrades Hall on Friday, February 27th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01308 867644 or visit [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

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**WEDNESDAY**  
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5.45-7.00pm **IYENGAR YOGA**  
6.00-6.45pm **INDOOR CYCLING**  
7.00-8.00pm **BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB**  
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**EYPE:** West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Inn Signia: Pub Signs, the artwork and stories behind the names', by Mr John Ericson. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2-3.30pm at St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster Blues & Jazz presents 'Shades of Ella' performed by Julie Dunn and Andy Christie. Plus a show of Rhythm & Blues from the Jim Luck Blues Band. At Beaminster Town Hall. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £10 from Yarn Barton Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30p or by calling 01308 861746.

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**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**CHARMOUTH:** Bingo at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST DORCHESTER:** The United Church Players present 'At The Movies' a Musical Revue with Songs, Sketches and Drama in the United Church Hall, Charles Street. 7pm on Friday, 2.30pm and 7pm on Saturday. Tickets at £4 each available from the Church Shop. Proceeds to National Stroke Association.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

**BURTON BRADSTOCK:** Bionanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. £7 each (concs available - just ask). 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Othona Community, Coast Road, DT6 4RN. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit [bionanza-bridport.co.uk](http://bionanza-bridport.co.uk)

**BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**WEYMOUTH:** Jim Davis presents a programme played by top bands in Marching And Waltzing, for Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth from 7.30pm. Further details: Tel 779787

**ABBOTSBURY:** New pre-school dance class at Strangways Hall, 11-11.30am Mondays during term time. Fun ballet, music and movement for boys and girls aged 2.5-4 years old. Taught by Kathy Davies. For more details call 01305 871331.

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**UPLYME:** Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk 'Hidden Gardens of London' by Bob Ayers, who knows the nooks and crannies of the Capital well after 30 years in the City of London Police. Members attend free, non-members £3. at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see our website, [ulhrs.wordpress.com](http://ulhrs.wordpress.com) or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Phil Wells' Triptych competition. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**DORCHESTER:** Bournemouth In The Old Days, is the subject of Jim Boudreau's presentation to Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust at the Dorset Room, Colilton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: [heather.foster1@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.foster1@btinternet.com)

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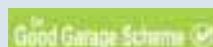


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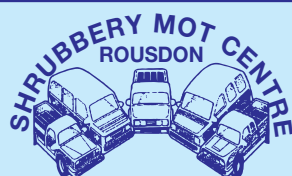
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THE repeat of last year's final ended in the same conclusion as Crewkerne Town extended their winning run to seven matches.

Jamie Spurdle opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a trademark free-kick.

But the visitors responded well and drew level through Gary Cory who rounded off a good team move with a fine finish.

This only served to inspire the Tigers who stormed into a 4-1 half-time lead with Spurdle completing his hat-trick and Adam Dawe also getting in on the act.

The second-half was a scrappy affair as the Unity Lane Ground surface deteriorated.

Liam Riste bagged his 15th of the season before Richie Runyard grabbed Beaminster a late consolation.

"We enjoyed the majority of possession in the second-half - but Spurdle was the difference," said Beaminster manager Dean Newman



◆ **CONSOLATION GOAL:** Richie Runyard scored Beaminster's second in 5-2 cup defeat.

**ILMINSTER COLTS 0 COMBE RES 12**  
CREWKERNE'S opponents in the semi-final will be Combe Reserves who crushed struggling Ilminster Colts who shipped a round dozen.

The Saints led 2-0 at half-time but really went to town after the interval. The goals were shared between Craig Every (3), Steve Every (3), Wayne Long (2), Stuart Bicknell, Tom Shire, Neil Parsons and Wayne Behan.

Ilminster have now conceded 119 goals in their 18 matches this season

### SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 4 LYME REGIS RESERVES 1

WITH the Chard Hospital and Coronation Cups already won, Shepton Beauchamp remain on course for a KO cup treble after coming from behind to beat Lyme Regis Reserves.

Both sides struggled to come to terms with a poor surface that was heavily rutted by tractor tyre tread marks and still frozen in places.

The Seaside's broke the deadlock in the 39th minute when Jack Durrant's low, driven cross was converted at the far post by Sam Bevis.

The hosts levelled two minutes later. Lyme's Mark Batey won a crunching tackle in the area only for the ball to unluckily squirt out to straight Dan Smith who made no mistake from close range.

Shepton took the lead in the 47th minute with The Seaside's aggrieved that there had been a couple of deci-

sions that didn't go their way in the build-up.

Firstly, Lyme felt there was a clear Shepton handball on the edge of the box, but their appeals were waved away by referee Kevin Luesley. Then, when the ball was crossed over, teenage keeper Toby Fowler appeared to be impeded before Kris Hastings bundled the ball home.

This deflated the visitors and a defensive error saw the hosts' ease 3-1 ahead on the hour through Smith who then completed his hat-trick after coolly rounding Fowler who put in a Man-of-the-Match performance between the sticks.

### SOUTH PETHERTON 2 WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 0

IN ALL their recent years of success in the PSDL the Challenge Cup has eluded South Petherton, but this may just be the year The Magpies swoop to triumph in the competition.

A tight first-half of few clear-cut chances ended goal less but Stuart Witt finally broke the deadlock 10 minutes after the turnaround.

Danny Rendell then headed against the bar and Rich Hebditch also went close before Jamie Underwood clinched the win five minutes from time with a crisp 12-yard shot.

◆ **Semi-finals (March 7th);** South Petherton v Shepton Beau Crewkerne Town v Combe Res

### ARTHUR GAGE - R1 NETHERBURY 12 FARWAY UTD 0

NETHERBURY hit double figures for the first time in more than 10 years as floundering Farway's season lurched from bad to worse.

The hosts didn't actually start too well, but on 12 minutes Tom Franklin settled the Ambers down when he re-acted well to finish from close range after his first shot was saved.

Franklin was at it again on the 19th minute, this time he pinged a left footed shot from fully 30 yards to lob the young Farway keeper.

Then a neat move down the right ended with John Kingston squaring the ball for Dan Rendell to tap home.

Shortly after this Rendell got his second when he rounded the keeper, then Kingston danced his way into the box to finish with his left foot for 5-0.

There was still time for two more goals before the halftime whistle. Franklin lobbed the visitors keeper - right footed this time - from about 25 yards and Rendell completed his hat trick which made it 7-0 at half time.

Kingston scored an early penalty soon in the turnaround and Zac Hawker planted a neat header into the top corner after a fine cross from Chris Symes.

Kingston then completed his hat trick reacting well to finish through a crowd of players after the ball had only been half cleared by the over-worked visiting defence.

Substitutes Mark Cuff and Ryan Gall did not miss out on the goals, combining well with Symes picking out Cuff at the back post to volley home and then Cuff setting up Gall with a slide-rule pass, that the inform striker finished accurately into the bottom corner to round-off the scoring.

Assistant Manager Paul Cuff said: "I thought the whole team's attitude was right today. I was really pleased with how we kept our performance level

throughout the whole game and scored some cracking team and individual goals".

Along with the goal scorers, Paul Cuff picked out teenager Jon Paul-Avery as his star performer on the day.

◆ **Quarter-finals (Feb 28th);** Netherbury v Barrington Chard Utd v Forton Rangers Lyme Bantams v Millwey Rise Winsham Utd v Pymore

### TOMMY TABBERER - R1 BEAMINSTER RES H-W ILMINSTER A

ILMINSTER A failed to raise a team for this cup tie at the memorial Ground and Beaminster Reserves were subsequently awarded a walkover into a home quarter-final against Charmouth

◆ **Quarter-finals (March 14th);** Beaminster Res v Charmouth Thorncombe v Waytown Hounds Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme Drimpton v Crewkerne Town Res

### REG EGLON CUP - QF WINSHAM RES 6 UPLYME RES 2

UPLYME Reserves' hopes of bringing the Reg Eglon Cup to Venlake for the first time ended at blustery Bakers-field.

Goals from Paul Stuart and player-manager Richard White, his 200th in the PSDL, had the hosts in control at the break.

Anthony Rockett made it 3-0 before Andrico Peleau pulled one back with his first for the Swallows who travelled with a bare 11.

But Rob Long restored the three-goal cushion with a fine lob over a crowded penalty area. Stuart then bagged his second before Callum Taylor scored a consolation that rolled over the line via an upright.

But the scoring was rounded off by Winsh sub Toby Thorne.

Uplyme player-manager Stuart Wooster praised the efforts of striker Harry Robson.

### DIVISION ONE PYMORE 1 LYME REGIS BANTAMS 2

LYME REGIS Bantams distanced themselves from the Division One relegation zone with a hard-fought victory that leaves Pymore still looking anxiously over their shoulders at a possible return to Division Two.

Lyme bossed the first half with striker Shaun Stewart looking dangerous at every high ball that was launched into the hosts' area.

Stewart had an eighth minute header tipped over by home keeper Arthur Gage. And the Bantams' top-scorer went close from the resulting corner with another header that was kicked off the line.

He went one better two minutes later



◆ **LEAVING PRESENT:** Rhys Evans scored the winner for Lyme Regis Bantams.

when an Ash Walkey free kick drifted over Gay and Stewart slotted home at the far post.

Stewart had another header hooked off the line on the half hour as a second goal seemed certain.

Rhys Evans, in his last appearance before heading off south to New Zealand, then squandered a good chance when he burst through the defence only to drag his shot wide.

But he made amends on the stroke of half-time when he fired home low into the corner after good work from Stewart and player-manager Darren Poole.

The second-half was a different story as Pymore, boosted by a bitter breeze, came right back into the game.

Cameron Murless had a good one-on-one chance well saved by Seaside's keeper Mark Tozer.

They did pull one back in the 53rd minute when striker Tim Hussey engineered some space before cracking home his seventh goal of the season with a sharp low drive that Tozer half stopped but couldn't keep out.

Hussey then twice went close to grabbing the equaliser - firstly rising unmarked to head against the crossbar on the hour before nodding a close range header against the foot of the post a minute later.

Lyme finally found their form in the last 15 minutes with Kieran McAllister shooting over the angle from the edge of the box and Walkey forcing a full length save from Gay from even greater distance.

### DIVISION TWO THORNCOMBE 4 UPLYME 0

PROMOTION-chasing Thorncombe proved too strong for an Uplyme side although the performance of Thorns' keeper Andy Bradley proved pivotal.

"It wasn't a 4-0 game," said Uplyme manager Steve Gillan whose squad was ravaged by injury and unavailability and led to Gillan reluctantly making a first start of the season in a customary midfield role.

"We even had lads nursing the flu and injuries," continued Gillan who was none-the-less impressed by a gutsy all-round team performance.

Uplyme started well and Dan Boot fired a cross shot that struck the post early on.

The Swallows continued to create chances only to be thwarted by inform gloveman Bradley.

But at the other end the hosts converted both of the two chances they managed to forge in the opening 45.

The second period follow in a similar fashion with Bradley denying Adam Whitehouse on four occasions.

Two more goals left the final score line looking decidedly top-heavy.

"That was the story of our season, we just weren't clinical enough." Former golden boot winner Warren Gabbidon (2) - who proved a handful all afternoon - Lee Fisher and Luke Bennett scored for the Thorns.

◆ The weekend's three 12-0 scorelines brings the total of double figure scores this season, which still has a third to go, up to 17 - the highest for many years - maybe it's time for a switch to four divisions with less cup matches? (Ed).

### RESULTS - February 7th D & E Division Three

Axminster Res 2 Axmouth Utd 1 Chagford 2 Exmouth Town Res 2



◆ **GOALS:** Dan Rendell was one of three players to score hat-tricks for Netherbury in 12-0 romp.

Clyst Valley Res 2 Exeter Uni 5ths 1 Pinhoe 0 Cheriton Fitzpaine 5 Tedburn St Mary 1 Henry's Cronies 6 Thorvorton Res 1 Woodbury Res 0

### CHALLENGE CUP QF

Crewkerne Town 5 Beaminster 2 Ilminster Colts 0 Combe Reserves 12 Shepton Beau 4 Lyme Regis Res 1

South Petherton 2 W&M Chinnock 0

### ARTHUR GAGE CUP R1

Luso-Chard 0 Barrington 12 Netherbury 12 Farway Utd 0

### TOMMY TABBERER CUP R1

Beaminster Res H/W Ilminster A Combe A 0 Drimpton 2

### REG EGLON CUP R1

Crewk Rangers Res 1 Chard Utd AS 3 Farway Utd Res 0 Drimpton Res 4 Merriott Rovers h/w Combe B

Winsham Utd Res 6 Uplyme Res 2

### DIVISION ONE

Pymore 1 Lyme Regis Bantams 2

### DIVISION TWO

Thorncombe 4 Uplyme 0

### DIVISION THREE

Barrington Res 1 Shepton Res 2 Chard Utd Res 1 Chard Rangers 6

Dowlish & Don 6 Thorncombe Res 1 Kingsbury 2 Merriott Dynamos 2

Millwey Rise Res 1 S.Petherton Res 1

### DIVISION FOUR

Chard Rangers Res 1 Hinton 3

### FIXTURES

**Saturday, February 14th**

**D & E Division Three (all 3pm)**

Axmouth Utd v Tedburn St Mary Chagford v Clyst Valley Res

Cheriton Fitzpaine v Axminster Res Lyme Regis v Pinhoe

Exeter Uni 5ths v Exmouth Town Res

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**

(all 2.30pm ko)

### PREMIER

Combe Res v Ilminster Town Colts Perry Street v Shepton Beauchamp

W & M Chinnock v Crewkerne Town

### DIVISION ONE

Barrington v Farway Utd Forton Rangers v Lyme Bantams

Netherbury v Luso-Chard

**DIVISION TWO**

Beaminster Res v Uplyme

Combe A v Waytown Hounds

Crewkerne Rangers v Thorncombe

Crewkerne Town Res v Drimpton

**DIVISION THREE**

Hawchurch Utd v Chard Rangers

Merriott Dynamos v Barrington Res

Millwey Res v Dowlish & Donyatt

Shepton Res v Chard Utd Res

Thorncombe Res v Kingsbury Episc

**DIVISION FOUR**

Chard Rangers Res v Merriott Rovers

Drimpton Res v Hinton St George

Farway Utd Res v Combe B

Uplyme Res v Winsham Utd Res

### As they stand

Toolstation Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Melksham Town	22	31	45
Bristol Manor Fm	22	26	44
Odd Down	24	15	41
Bitton	26	10	41
Slimbridge	22	10	40
Street	28	7	40
Shepton Mallet	24	3	40
Buckland Athletic	20	20	35
Willand Rovers	19	13	35
Brislington	22	13	35
Bradford Town	21	4	35
BRIDPORT	25	-10	34
Sherborne Town	24	4	29
Cadbury Heath	24	-13	29
Longwell Green	25	-20	25
Gillingham Town	22	-23	23
Hallen	25	-23	22
Winterbourne Utd	24	-29	20
Bishops Sutton	26	-57	14

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham	23	36	56
PORTLAND UTD	23	47	54
Hamworthy Rec	20	48	52
Parley Sports	25	27	51
WEYMOUTH RES.	23	28	45
Mere Town	24	23	41
Shaftesbury Town	22	8	40
Wareham Rangers	23	3	38
Westland Sports	23	11	37
Sherborne Res	23	1	34
BRIDPORT RES	21	-11	26
Blandford Utd	26	-28	25
Tintinhull	25	-29	22
Swanage & Herst	19	-3	19*
Hamworthy Utd Res	22	-13	16*
Cranborne	25	-48	14
Poole Borough	25	-40	13*
Sturminster Marshall	24	-50	13

D & E Div Three	Pld	+/	Pts
Exmouth Tn Res	19	40	41
Henry's Cronies	16	48	39
Chagford	19	24	35
LYME REGIS	16	48	33
Woodbury	17	13	32
Exeter Univ 5ths	15	14	31
Cheriton Fitzp	17	6	24
Clyst Valley Res	20	-20	22
Thorvorton Res	17	-28	15
Axminster Res	20	-42	15*
Tedburn St Mary	13	-17	14
Exmouth Amt Res	19	-35	14
Axmouth Utd	15	-13	13
Pinhoe	19	-38	12

Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Crewkerne Town	10	40	30
South Petherton	13	39	28
Perry Street	14	21	28
Shepton Beach	12	37	27
W & M Chinnock	12	23	25
BEAMINSTER	12	23	18
Combe Res	13	22	16
LYME REGIS RES	14	-21	12
Misterton	13	-100	6
Ilminster Colts	14	-89	0

Division One	Pld	+/	Pts
Barrington	12	51	36
Millwey Rise	13	19	28
Winsham Utd	14	11	25
NETHERBURY	12	11	23
Chard Utd	15	3	19
Forton Rangers	13	-1	18
LYME BANTAMS	13	-10	17
Luso-Chard	12	-26	9
PYMORE	12	-18	5
Farway Utd	10	-40	3

Division Two	Pld	+/	Pts
DRIMPTON	13	44	35
Thorncombe	13	30	30
WAYTOWN HND	14	17	25
Crewkerne Res	10	12	22
Crewk Rangers	14	-10	20
Combe A	14	-8	16
UPLYME	11	8	13
CHARMOUTH	14	-11	13
BEAMINSTER RES	14	-13	11
Ilminster Town A	13	-69	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/	Pts
Chard Utd Res	14	18	31
Kingsbury Episc	14	27	28
Barrington Res	13	16	27
Hawchurch Utd	11	16	19
Chard Rangers	12	-4	18
S.Petherton Res	15	-9	18
Thorncombe Res	15	-11	17
Dowlish & Donyatt	12	-2	14*
Shepton Beau Res	14	-14	13
Merriott Dynamos	12	-6	11
Millwey Rise Res	14	-31	9*

Division Four	Pld	+/	Pts
Merriott Rovers.....	11	62	33
Combe B.....	12	29	29
Winsham Utd Res.....	13	2	21
Crewk Rangers Res.....	14	6	20
Hinton St George.....	10	9	17
UPLYME RES.....	10	-2	15
Chard Rangers Res.....	12	-19	12
DRIMPTON RES.....	11	-10	9
Farway Utd Res.....	10	-16	9
Chard Utd AllStars.....	13	-61	4

Lyme Regis Skittles

LADIES	P	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	8	16	12
Smashers	8	11	5
Hot Gossips	8	8	6
La Crème	8	6	12
Just us	7	6	9
Hot Pins	8	6	4
Rollercoasters	7	5	10
Generations	8	4	6

MMENS DIV ONE	P	Pts	BL
No Hoppers	7	14	8
Young Guns	7	9	9
Marksman	7	8	11
Anthill Mob	7	7	10
Flyers	7	7	5
Clueless	8	7	4
Tornadoes	7	5	6
Roadrunners	7	4	5
Skippy's Six	7	3	6

MMENS DIV TWO	P	Pts	BL
Rousdon Rebels	7	10	10
Wreckers	7	10	9
Alleytwits	7	10	3
Miscellaneous	6	8	9
Trappers	7	8	8
President's Men	6	4	5
Shakers	7	4	4
Skittle me Timbers	4	2	4
British Legion	7	0	2

February Cup Fixtures  
Monday, February 16th  
**LADIES DOUG CLARK CUP**  
Generations v Hot Gossips  
La Crème v  
Wootton Wobblers

Wednesday, February 18th  
**Men's Pairs**  
**ROCK POINT**  
K Bearpark & J Rickard,  
J Chapman & T Tozer,  
P Grinter & L Dare,  
M Williams & A Aldworth,  
N Chapman & C Marchant,  
M Croad & R Bevis,  
P Rattenbury & P Liston,  
A Critchard & C Wrixon.

**GEORGE**  
P Hodder & L Hodder,  
M Denning & J Bennett,  
T Edwards & S Flux,  
A Churchill & D Welsh,  
R Bovill & S Smith,  
P Bright & R Chapple,  
R Tucker & K Pratt,  
P Kirkman & J Stamp.

Friday 20th February  
**Men's Cornish Cup**  
Marksman v Flyers  
Anthill Mob v Trappers  
Skippy's Six v Roadrunners  
Wreckers v No Hoppers

Hockey

Hawks gain revenge to stay in touch

**West Dorset Hawks 4 PGSOB A 2**  
HAVING lost to PGSOB earlier in the season the Hawks wanted revenge on a team they felt they should have beaten. However, half of the West Dorset team did not turn up until the start time which led to a sluggish first 10 minutes, and they duly fell 1-0 down.

Eventually the Hawks started to string some passes together putting pressure on PGSOB.

The midfield duo of Dan Wyatt and captain Rick Dormor were linking well with Steve Mearing and Mike Thompson, and after a clever ball was slide through a gap by Wyatt, Dormor beat a defender and shot on goal. His effort was parried by the visiting keeper but Thompson knocked in the rebound for the equaliser.

They were then caught napping again just after the break and succumbed to another goal from the visitors, which appeared to motivate them to move up a gear ensure the win.

It was only a matter of time before Hawks replied - they did not have to wait long.

After a number of short corners that did not seem to work, they made a hash of their original plan from another, and instead hit the ball into the danger area where Alex Davis snapped up a rebound to equalise for a second time.

Shortly afterwards Rusty Coombes won the ball back in midfield before picking out the Thompson who dribbled the ball through a number of tackles before smashing the ball into the corner to give West Dorset the lead.

With their noses in front they weren't going to give away the lead, and Jim Bowditch beat his marker before finding Mearing who thrashed home a fourth goal.

Skipper Dormer said: "Special mention should go to Mike Thompson who had a great game, not only scoring two goals but for constantly hassling of the Plymouth defence, and to Lee Connolly and Gavin Brooking for some great composure on the ball when under pressure."

The win takes the Hawks back into third spot with a two point lead on Sidmouth & Ottery A and Camborne SoM who drew 3-3.

West Dorset A who did not have a game slipped to third on goal difference after North Devon A beat bottom side Sidmouth & Ottery D 9-0, but they do have a game in hand.

Beaminster win through after slow start

YEovil & Sherborne 3rd 1 BEAMINSTER 3

BOTH sides took time to get acclimatised to the Arctic conditions at Yeovil Rec at Chilton Grove on Saturday, resulting in a scrappy game to start with, but it was Yeovil's team of experience and youthful runners that got going quickest and dominated possession early on.

As a result they took the lead on 14 minutes from a short corner, and although Lisa Condliffe saved the first shot, the follow up was a fierce drive that took a deflection off a stick and flew into the top corner.

Slowly Beaminster got more cohesion in their game and the introduction of Megan Tuck's strength and pace put the hosts defence on the back foot, and they equalised with four minutes of the first half remaining.

A shot following a short corner was saved, but Tuck picked up the rebound and fired a reverse stick undercurt past the keeper.

Yeovil almost regained the lead on the stroke of halftime when a Condliffe made an acrobatic save to keep out a goal bound shot.

A reshuffle at the start of the second half following an injury to Genna Bunker saw Iris Garcia reintroduced, and she produced a wonderful display in midfield that earned her the Player of the Match award.

Bunker's harrying of the opposition was a big influence on Beaminster taking control of the match.

They took the lead ten minutes in when Phoebe Stewart's angle shot was diverted home by Lydia Brooking.

Sustained pressure from Beaminster's younger player Brooking, Tuck, Bella Foot and Garcia shut down Yeovil's midfield supply, although the visiting defence had to be alert to their quick breakaways, whilst slick counter passing saw Beaminster create a number of chances of their own.

They extended their lead 15 minutes from time when Tuck had a shot cleared of the line. The rebound was missed, but Garcia following up fired it into an open goal.

With Bournemouth 3rds losing, Beaminster climb into second spot.

But with the last group of seven games in what is a very competitive league this season to come, it means nothing except they should now have enough points to avoid relegation, something never contemplated after the first seven matches.

**BEAMINSTER:** Lisa Condliffe, Jenny Clarke, Sarah Davies, Tracey Smith, Izzy Mullins, Lydia Brooking, Julia May, Genna Bunker, Bella Foot, Phoebe Stewart, Iris Garcia, Megan Tuck.

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sher 2nd	14	35
Bournemouth 3rd	12	22
BEAMINSTER	13	19
B & SN 2nd	14	16
Salisbury 4th	14	16
Yeovil & Sher 3rd	13	13
Salisbury 3rd	11	13
Gillingham 2nd	12	9

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	15	42
Isca C	15	30
WEST DORSET	15	24
Sidmth & Ott A	15	24
Camborne SoM	15	23
Bude	15	20
PGSOB A	15	18
Plymouth Uni A	15	17
USHC Plymouth	15	17
East Devon A	15	15
OPM A	15	10
Truro B	15	8

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	12	33
W.DORSET A	12	28
North Devon A	12	25
Ashmoor A	11	20
Chard A	12	18
Bridgwater C	12	18
Sidmth & Ott C	12	18
Minehead B	12	6
Taunton Vale D	13	5
Sidmth & Ott D	12	4

Rugby

Young Blues put in spirited performance

**Bridport 5 Weymouth & Portland 40**  
A STRONG and well-organised Weymouth & Portland visited a still depleted Bridport on Saturday and walked away with a convincing win.  
As with Swanage & Wareham the previous week however, a young Blues side put up a spirited performance. No less than seven Colts were used, Cullinan Lennon and Joel Vincent-Jones making their first start for the senior side.

First blood, in fact, went to the hosts as a charged down defensive kick fell kindly into Darragh McCloughlin's hands and he went over the try line virtually unopposed. Rory Greening, back from a long injury lay off, was unable to add the conversion.  
Weymouth & Portland responded immediately with a converted try and for the next 25 minutes the play ebbed and fro. Bridport were enjoying some good possession and more than one scoring opportunity went begging.

Shortly before the interval however, Weymouth stepped up a gear and landed two tries, one of which was well converted from a tight angle to give the Seaside's a 19-5 halftime lead.

The second half carried on with the visitors in the ascendance and Bridport fighting hard to stay in contention.

Two more converted tries made the deficit stretch

further into the distance, but again Bridport had their moments, forcing four penalties close to their opponents try line. Each time they were stopped agonisingly short.

As the end approached Weymouth's forwards drove over for a sixth try and the conversion went in off the upright.

Harry Richardson was Man of the Match for an excellent all round performance in the back row.

Dorset & Wilts 2S	Pld	+/	Pts
East Dorset	17	407	76
Salisbury II	16	329	61
Swanage & Wareham II	16	287	55
Weymouth & Portland	16	242	46
Puddletown	16	-66	44
Dorchester II	16	41	39
Bournemouth III	16	59	37
BRIDPORT	16	-95	28
Ellingham & Ringwood II	16	-216	28
New Milton II	16	-249	21
Wimborne III	16	-370	6
North Dorset III	17	-369	-1

Bridport 18 U9 Lytchett Minster 6

THIS was another fantastic performance from Bridport with all the players fully engaged and brimming with enthusiasm.

Over two excellent games Bridport beat Lytchett

Minster by 18 tries to six.

Charles Edwards (5), Barney Johnson (3), Man-of-the-Match Dom Burdett (3) Stanley Copper (3), Charlie Brake (2) and Henry Everitt (2) all crossed the whitewash.

Honiton 12 U14 Bridport 26

THE young Blues travelled to Honiton and despite the pitch being heavy underfoot they were not deterred.

Winning the toss, they decided to play up the slope, giving their hosts a slight advantage in the first half.

From the kickoff Honiton failed to secure the ball and Bridport took advantage and the resulting Bridport pressure paid off with a try for Henry Knight under the posts, which was converted by Joe O'Hagan.

From the restart Honiton managed to put some good phases of play together and scored their opening try.

This was followed by another unconverted score leaving the Blues trailing.

At the start of the second half the Bridport started to recycle the ball better and used the width of the field to their advantage. This resulted in a well worked try for Toby Taylor, which went uncon-

verted.  
Further forward pressure saw Alfred Jovanovic score a try, for which O'Hagan added the extras.

With Honiton only a converted try behind, a tense finale ensued.

This was eased by Sam Roberts-Wray who touched down after hacking the ball towards the try line, with O'Hagan again converting.

Bridport 52 U12 Lytchett Minster 0

WITH the Blues up to full strength they were alert and keen to win the ball. They fought hard to win the breakdown, were first to the ball and quick to run the next phase.

It was not a perfect performance with too many knock on's and penalties given away, but their dominance masked these mistakes.

This was another great effort from the back line with six of the eight tries scored by Oliver Willis (3), Finlay Shoemark (2) and Harrison Weekes. Their opportunities were the result of a strong pack that won the majority of set play and the loose breakdown.

Ryan Phillips led by example scoring two individual tries.

However, Man of the Match went to loose head Lewis Ali.

Running

Charities to benefit from popular 10k run

MORE than 300 runners are expected to take part in the 2015 Weymouth Bay 10K charity fun run on March 22nd.

The popular annual event will see participants set out from the Riviera Hotel at Bowleaze Cove and run along the sea wall and the Esplanade to the ferry terminal before returning to Overcombe Corner for the finish.

The event is being organised as part of MCC Promotions 10K run series across the UK.

Race director Mark Caswell said: "Everyone taking part will attend a five-minute warm-up outside the hotel.

"Runners will then set off and do two laps of the green open space at Bowleaze before setting off into town to the ferry terminal and back to the finish

at Overcombe Corner.

"Two charities will be benefitting from the event, Crohns and Colitis and Weymouth Cricket Club Youth Section, and we are hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for them.

"Runners can be accepted right up to and on the race day itself.

"It costs £11 each to enter and every runner gets a T-shirt and a medal while there will be trophies for the first three runners home."

WCC chairman John Ryan said: "We are very grateful to be chosen as one of the two causes to be backed by this event."

Anyone who wants more information or who would like to register can call Mark on 07977-831519.



ON YOUR MARKS: Personal trainer and event sponsor Claire Tuck (front) helps the official launch of the Weymouth bay 10Kcharity fun run at the Riviera Hotel.



MATCH ACTION: From Bridports RFC's (quartered shirts) 40-5 defeat against Weymouth & Portland last Saturday.

# Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 16th:

## Mixed Fours - R2

Monday, February 16th  
**BRIDPORT FC:** Rest of the Best; PC Tops; Rejects; Focus Four.

Wednesday, February 18th  
**BRIDPORT FC:** Brookside; Fletchers Four; After Eights; Turkish Delights.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	11	20
Rejects	12	18
Rockets	13	16
Shipfaced	11	16
Masters	11	14
Rough Eight	12	12
Denhay	12	11
Lively Lads	12	10
Outsiders	11	10
Slingers	13	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broadoak	13	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	12	22
U Know the Blokes	13	21
Dingbats	13	18
NBC	13	16
Originals	12	14
Crazy Gang	13	10
Gerryatics	12	10
LHS	13	10
Miss The Ball	13	10
7" Clock	12	8
Bangers	11	7
Mean Machine	13	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	13	22
Castouts	13	20
Bulldogs	13	18
Whiskey Chasers	12	17
Pioneers	12	16
Strawpeedoes	13	13
Pinseekers	13	11
Aussies Lot	13	10
Alcoholics	13	8
Survivors	13	8
Unknowns	13	8
AFAR	13	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alleycats	13	18
Yo Yo's	12	18
Groundhogs	10	16
Stinger	13	16
Offcuts	12	13
Brandy Snaps	12	12
Hidden Talent	12	12
Let 'em Roll	11	12
Featherbeds	12	10
Bad Girls	13	7
Pinbashes	12	6
Tiger Lilies	13	4

**Highest individual League score:** A.Coombes (Outsiders) and P.Parsons (Originals) & I Reeve (Miss the Ball) all 92.

## Bees news

# Cards not falling for Bridport teams

## Bridport 1 Cadbury Heath 1

Toolstation Premier - att: 54

JAMIE Symes ended Bridport's three game goal drought by putting the Bees ahead at a freezing cold St Mary's Field last week, but they had to settle for a point in the end with a late own goal from Chris Senior.

The Bees had an early let off when the visitors scored in the third minute, but it was disallowed for offside.

They went close on two other occasions before Bridport had a shot on goal through stand-in striker Shane Evans. Soon after visiting keeper Simon Crawford smothered Sean Stewart's shot on the line.

The Heathens replied and Bees keeper Ashley Weeks was forced to save from Sacha Tong before Senior blocked George Boon's effort.

They continued to take the game to Bridport after the break, but the introduction of subs Symes and Chris Clarke saw the Bees pick up their game, and Crawford produced two superb saves before Symes put the Bees ahead on 76 minutes with a header from Dan Wise's corner.

Matt Morley then hit the side netting before Matt Huxley should have done better in a one-on-one with Weeks.

However, they finally got their reward for their efforts in the last minute when Senior couldn't help but chest the ball in his own net under pressure from Huxley.

## Bees boss fuming at red card decisions

WESTLAND SPORTS 6

## BRIDPORT RESERVES 2

BRIDPORT Reserves suffered similar controversial refereeing decisions as their first team did at St Mary's Field, when they travelled to Westland Sports.

Russell Legg was red carded early on following an altercation with a Sports player where both received a yellow card following an exchange of words between the two. However, following intervention from the assistant, Legg was subsequently shown a red.

Bees manager Robin Townsend said that he saw Legg move his head towards his opponent but didn't see any contact, but realises the linesman may have seen more and that it was the right decision.

However, he was fuming later when Gary Bulman was brought down by the Sports keeper when clean through on goal, but whilst awarding a penalty the referee did not send the gloveman off.

"In everybody's opinion the goalie should have been sent off; it was a clear goal scoring opportunity which had been denied. If their keeper had been dismissed it could have been a different game."

Although Chris Herbst made no mistake from the penalty spot, it left Bridport a man short, and in the second half they paid for it as they tired.

Sports scored three times before the break to take the lead, but Bulman scored to give the Bees hope after they started the second period on top.

Ben Clarke then missed two great chances to have put Bridport ahead, before tiredness took over and Sports scored three more to add to Bridport's woe.

Townsend concluded: "If we had got to 3-3 and maybe gone 4-3 up then it could have been a different game. I can't blame the referee for the defeat overall, they were great going forward, and we didn't take our chances."

## Bridport storm to final

### BRIDPORT U15 6 WEYMOUTH 1

BRIDPORT eased into the Dorset County Cup Final for the second year running with a solid 6-1 win over local rivals Weymouth at St Marys Field.

The home side went into this game as solid favourites and they proved why on their day they are the best youth U15 team in Dorset.

Right from the off they got at the visitors with wave after wave of attacking. A late tackle on Tom Hyde, when clean through on goal, earned the home team a penalty which captain Jaydon Scadding converted.

This opened the floodgates and further goals from Callan Lowden, Dane James, Tommy Craven and a brace for Samuel Handyside saw the home side power out of sight.

Weymouth did secure a consolation goal but it was always Bridport's day and they now go on to meet Branksome United looking for revenge for a 1-0 defeat in last year's final.

## Foiled by late equaliser

### BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES U18 1

### BRIDPORT YOUTH 1

FOR the second time this season Bridport Youth saw two points snatched away by a last gasp goal.

Back in September, a deserving Westland Sports made it 3-3 on the final

whistle; on Sunday a 10-man Bournemouth Poppies headed a draw with just seconds to go.

The match was a scrappy affair as both teams struggled to get the ball under control on the decidedly uneven surface.

Bridport's Sam Tabner and Jonah Ayunga both had good chances on goal early in the game but were foiled as the ball bobbled as they took aim.

At the other end, the ball spent much of the goalless first half out of play as the home team's attempts to get the ball on target went wildly wide.

Early in the second half Bridport were rewarded for a period of pressure with a penalty after Sam Tabner was brought down in the box. Tabner made no mistake from the spot.

Despite several good chances the visitors failed to score a second and were handed a further advantage when the Poppies' manager sent off one of his own players who was then summoned back from the dressing room to be sent off again by the referee!

Seemingly unfazed, the home team won a free kick out on the left wing in the last minute and sent their whole team including the keeper into the box.

Bridport failed to pick up all the players and could only watch as the ball was headed into the net for the equaliser.

Bridport Manager Terry Warren said: "It's desperately disappointing to lose two points so late in the game but we'll pick ourselves up for next week."

"On the positive side it was good to have Harry Craddock and Tanaka Mawoney back after illness and injury."

## County progress for Ladies

### BRIDPORT BOWLS CLUB

BRIDPORT Ladies are flying up the County League after a string of good results, the latest being a 50-40 win against EAST DORSET for six of the eight points.

Francis Hewett, Jan Tattershall, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp shot into a 20-2 lead after just nine ends, finally winning 30-15 while Pamela Daters, Liz Walker, Ann Turtell & Sue Walsh lost 20-25.

Sandra Hargett, Beryl Stork, Mel Hargett & Mike Fletcher were the only winning rink in Bridport's friendly against DORCHESTER (23-16).

Sylvia Fletcher, Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt & Phil Hedges, Nova Varney, Gerry Moss, Barbara Jenkins & Brian Baker, and Brian Parker, Peter Varney, Mary Hansford & Keith Jenkins going down

11-16, 11-21 and 10-17 respectively.

At SIDMOUTH Lyn and Peter Sandall, David Aylott & Mike Craddock came close to a win, their opponents scoring a three count on the final end to edge home 22-23.

The Hargett's Parker and Baker were taking a pasting, 3-28 down after 16 ends, but a fighting finish saw them claw it back to 13-28.

In the County Mixed League Bridport roared to an overall 99-66 win over the DOLPHIN (Poole).

Lyn Craddock, Liz Walker, Barry Mapson & Brian Rumble, and Viv Gill, Mike Craddock, and Sue & Brian Walsh recording fine 22-10 & 28-20 away wins.

Joan and Mel Griffiths, Ann Parkins & Brian Legg, and Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt and Laura & Bob Taylor winning at home 28-14 & 21-20 for maximum points.



◆ RALLY kings Rex Ireland from Axminster and Bridport's Adrian Scadding are hoping to make the same kind of start to the 2015 season as last year when they compete in the opening round of the BRDTA Rally on Saturday. Last year they completed an almost faultless run in the 44-mile long Wyedean Forest Rally in their 1977 Ford Escort and hope that they can do the same again around the route which will utilise the seldom used stages in the Forest of Dean and Lower Wye Valley.

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## Lyme Regis Golf

# Back nine bonanza

By Richard Jackman

IN the February medal the windy conditions affected many good golfers, but not so young Stuart Wight who kept his nerve on the back nine with four birdies to get this handicap back down to scratch.

This was a remarkable achievement from Stuart who has only been playing golf for less than four years. His net 72 was enough to win Division One from Andrew Dawe, net 73 and Brian Rees - 74.

However the best net score of the day went to Colin Baker in Division Two, whose no nonsense round earned him an excellent net 71 points, six shots clear of Brian Deem, 77 with Matthew Brotherton taking 3rd - net 79.

In the February seniors' stableford, Paul Galloway's gritty 39 points won Division One from Mike D Hankey - 37 and Peter Tinsley's 36.

### 40-point haul

Division Two had the highest score of the day as Paul Millard played some steady golf to earn 40 points, and a return to division one, with Dave Dallas just beating Bernie Porter, both 37 points, on countback.

The ladies enjoyed an 11-hole fun competition, none more so than Silver Division winner Caroline Baker, 22 points and Bronz Division winner Corinne Jones 24 points.

Ellie Langford 20 points and Lizzie Linert 21 points were runners up.

## Horse Racing

# Ugolin makes promising hurdles debut

UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT made an impressive debut over hurdles at Exeter on Sunday, confirming trainer Bob Buckler's initial thoughts that the seven-year old could become one of the most promising prospects in the stable writes Stuart Broom.

His second place behind Sir Ivan in the Huge Cheltenham Offer At 32RedSport.com 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle over 2m3f showed that his talent is beginning to show through after finishing second in the bumper at Chepstow over the Christmas holidays behind the highly rated

Ghost River.

The 20/1 shot was held up in touch on the outside at Exeter before starting his challenge four out.

He had every chance with three to jump, and although staying on finished 21/4 lengths down on the winner.

Meanwhile, BALLYEGAN continued his impressive form with two more second placed finishes, meaning he has been placed 15 times in his 33 races to date.

Moving up to take second before the last in the 2m7f Haldon Handicap Hurdle at Exeter three

weeks ago, he was unable to make any impression on Aroseforoscar in the run in.

A change of tactics at Taunton last week saw him lead from the start in the 3m handicap hurdle, before being headed two out.

However, despite rallying to regain second, he could not overhaul The GeeGeez Geegee who won by 1½ lengths.

TINKER TIME failed to continue his excellent form at Exeter in the Cheltenham Day One Madness At 32Red Graduation Chase over 3m when he made a mistake at the 13th and finished last.

## Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	15	26
Knapp Inn	15	20
Robs Robbers	15	19
Nomads	14	17
Outsiders	15	17
Nags Head A	15	14
Hands of Time	14	13
Rubber Johns	14	13
It's in the Middle	14	10
The Hitmen	14	8
One for the Vikings	15	3

**180s leaders:** Tony Young x6, Terry Prowse x5, Mark Fisher, Graham Knight, Ben Grainger & Steve Smith all x4, eight players x3.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	13	23
Dat Team	14	20
Elders	14	19
Odds or Us	13	17
Les Miserables	13	16
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	13	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	7
Flashes Fives	13	5
The Surgeons	13	3

**180s leaders:** P.Rowley x4, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid both x3, Len Challis & Simon Warry both x2, five players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	15	21
Midnight Runners	15	19
Time Bombs	14	17
Inbetweens	13	16
Mis Fit	14	16
Anchor Five	13	15
Only Just	15	10
Odds & Sods	12	8
The Royal Nuts	13	7
Tip Top Odds	12	7

**180s leaders:** Chris Eaton x3, Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2, seven players x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Robbie's Rebels	14	20
No Direction	13	18
Tiger Bees	13	18
Sorted Odds	15	17
Dodgers	13	16
Whamo	14	15
Con Artists	12	11
Red Arrows	14	8
Money Shotz Mafia	14	7
Mozzies Heroes	14	6

**180s leaders:** Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	18	34
Anchor Aces	18	26
Clocking In	18	26
Knight 'n' Gals	18	20
Against the Odds	18	16
Queen Bees	18	14
Queens of the Club	18	4
Cliff Hangers	18	4

**180s:** Janet Collins & Tina Dawe & Sarah Chick all x3, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet all x1.

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Castaways	16	25
Sue's Rebels	16	24
Tracey's Tarts	16	22
Next Door	16	18
Wildcats	16	14
Good Mates	16	14
Tiger Stripes	15	10
Anchor's Aweigh	15	10
Charlie's Angels	16	5

**180s leaders:** L.Sweet x1

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## INSIDE: Comprehensive local sport round-up

### Bees cup dreams shattered

**Bridport 1 Willand Rovers 3**  
*Les Phillips Cup -att: 87*

A DEBATABLE red card put the skids under Bridport chances of advancing in the Les Phillips Cup at St Mary's Field on Saturday.

With the teams locked at 1-1 after an hour's play referee Chris Wade showed Bridport's Sean Stewart a second yellow card for not re-treating quickly enough after awarding the visitor's a free kick. The striker had been booked for a foul in the first half, but it appeared that Willand player-manager Scott Rogers deliberately fired the ball at Stewart in a calculated attempt to get him booked. The referee fell for the ploy leaving Bridport an uphill struggle to stay in the match.

Three minutes earlier Wade had only issued a yellow card when last man Jak Martin fouled Matt Condiliffe as he chased a loose ball towards the visitor's goal.

Up until this point Bridport had every chance to progress and for most of the first half had produced the better opportunities.

With Warren Byerley having to pull out on Friday night, manager Trevor Senior played

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Matt Morley through the middle, and his pace caused the Rovers defence problems.

Soon after Jamie Symes then had a header cleared off the line.

Bridport deservedly took the lead on 18 minutes with a spectacular goal from Dan Wise. He picked up a loose clearance and volleyed a shot from the angle of the penalty box into the far corner of the net.

Willand got back into the game on 36 minutes when some sloppy defending allowed Josh Wadham to force the ball past Ashley Weeks in the home goal.

The start of the second half saw Chris Senior just unable to deflect the ball home in a goalmouth scramble, before Weeks had to make a smart save from Wadham.

Then followed the two incidents regarding the possible sending off of Martin and Stewart's dismissal, which sealed Bridport fate.

A man to the good, Willand went ahead 15

minutes from the end from the penalty spot following a foul by Condiliffe.

They wrapped up a home quarter-final against Wincanton Town when they caught Bridport on the break in the final minute and Steve Orchard scored.

Manager Trevor Senior was not too down-hearted, although he would have loved a run in the cup.

"I'm not too despondent about the performance, it was just the circumstances with one or two carrying knocks as well. We just seem to have lost our way a bit between December and January.

"I thought we played well in the first half. We defended well and looked good going forward, and Dan Wise's goal is a contender for goal of the season. But then five minutes from half time gave away a sloppy goal.

"I thought Sean Stewart's sending off was debateable. Having already been booked, Rogers was cute enough to kick the ball at him as he was retreating and the referee couldn't get his card out quick enough - that killed the game for us."



◆ **BUDDING BEES:** The newly formed Bridport Youth U6 team which played its first game on Saturday against Maiden Newton. Managed by Martin Phillips, the team fills one of the two gaps in the club's desire to provide football for every age group from U6 to U18. Any local resident interested in managing an U7 team should contact chairman Mark Scadding on 07785732806 as there are players already interested in joining this age group.

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